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Smith's hopes raised by four more unions

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND PHILIP BASSETT

■ John Smith is prepared to return to conference for a second vote if the reforms on which he has staked his authority do not win the day

JOHN Smith claimed last night that "the tide is running in our favour" after four key trade unions threw their weight behind his proposals to reduce the union role in Labour party affairs.

On a day marked by renewed controversy over Labour's taxation plans, Mr Smith improved his chances of pushing through the proposals on which he has staked his authority as leader. But Wednesday's vote to end the formal role of the unions in selecting parliamentary candidates remains finely balanced despite the decisions of the public employees union Nupe, the health workers Cohse, the postal workers UCW and the shopworkers Usdaw to back him.

It appeared that he still needed the backing of a large majority of constituency party delegates, who wield 30 per cent of votes at the conference, to have any chance of victory. Senior members of the shadow cabinet, including Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, and the former leader Neil Kinnock, attempted to win over constituency delegates last night at a public meeting in Brighton.

The four unions declaring their backing last night comprise about 18 per cent of the total votes at the conference, and their support takes the total union vote behind Mr Smith to nearly 30 per cent. Mr Smith's supporters believe that the decisions of the four unions — especially the left-led Nupe — will be influential in swinging other unions behind the party leader.

Preparations for the big vote were disrupted by fresh confusion over Labour's taxation policy. Mr Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said that Labour was prepared to increase taxes on the rich and spend more if necessary. His remarks marked a shift in tone from recent speeches suggesting that he was trying to kill Labour's "tax and spend" image.

He said that tax gains made by the rich in the 1980s were indefensible, although his staff moved swiftly last night to deny that he was planning to hit the rich. He had, however, promised to "reverse the gap between rich and poor" and added that the "progressive principle" would apply.

Mr Smith had earlier raised the stakes over his union reform plans, saying that it was "very important to me personally" that the changes were made. Suggestions that he would resign if he lost can be discounted, but Bill Jordan of the engineers union, one of his main allies, said that his credibility would be "irreparably damaged" if he lost. "He is staking his leadership on this. We cannot afford to let him or the party down."

It was learnt yesterday that Mr Smith is prepared to return to the conference on Thursday if he loses the vote on Wednesday night. The national executive committee might meet in emergency session after the votes to decide a new proposition to put to the conference. Mr Smith is determined to settle the issue by Friday.

The leadership's hopes rose after the emergence of a compromise motion from Nupe and the rail union RMT that his officials said gave him 90 per cent of what he wanted. He encouraged the national executive to support the motion in the hope that it will give him an escape route if the more important rule changes are defeated.

A number of unions backed the compromise yesterday, taking support for it to more than 30 per cent. The outcome will depend on constituency voting.

Union leaders opposing Mr Smith's one member, one vote proposals were claiming that they had pledges for two-thirds of the constituency votes, which would be enough to tip the balance against Mr Smith. His supporters were suggesting a similar-sized figure in their favour.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said it still looked as if Mr Smith would be defeated. Asked if that would constitute a defeat for the party leader personally, he said: "Of course it is," and he accepted that such a result would damage the party.

Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU transport union, insisted that Mr Smith's leadership was not at stake. He said there should be no question of Mr Smith resigning if he lost the vote — just as leaders of the unions opposing him would not resign if their views were rejected by the conference.

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Corruption stalks EC vineyards

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

WIDESPREAD fraud and poor management characterised the dispersal of the EC's £56 billion budget in 1992, the Community's Court of Auditors has disclosed in a report leaked to *The Times*.

Ireland and France are criticised for the way their farmers are compensated from the £36 billion common agricultural policy. Payments for allegedly digging up vineyards were based on maps "dating from the 1950s", while in Ireland "ewe-premiums" were paid on sometimes fictitious flocks of sheep that wandered unchecked across the border with Northern Ireland.

The auditors also found that the subsidised school milk programme benefited only 11 per cent of children, and that the Commission's lavish spending on Euro-flags and paraphernalia at the Albertville and Barcelona Olympics — £11.6 million — was largely a waste of money.

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US holds Ryder Cup

EUROPE'S golfers narrowly failed to win back the Ryder Cup on a dramatic and wildly fluctuating final day at The Belfry yesterday.

Watched by 30,000 at the course in Sutton Coldfield and by millions on television around the world, the Americans turned a 12½-10½ points deficit midway through the afternoon into a 15-13 victory. They won five of the last six singles.

At one stage Costantino Rocca looked like becoming the unexpected hero of the hour just as Sam Torrance was at The Belfry in 1985 and Christy O'Connor Jr and José María Cañizares were four years ago. The first Italian to play in the competition was one up with two to play on Davis Love as Europe chased the two final points.

With Nick Faldo holing-in-one at the 189-yard 14th in the last match to take the lead against Paul Azinger — only the second ace in cup history — Rocca knew he had the chance to earn himself a place in history. He played a lovely pitch into the long 17th, but then sent his 15ft attempt at a birdie four feet past.

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Rostropovich concert in Red Square invokes the spirit of 1812



Rostropovich conducts the orchestra to mark the centenary of Tchaikovsky's death

Buoyant Yeltsin prepares for election deal

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

A CONFIDENT President Yeltsin yesterday blended threats to crush all opposition with a hint of possible compromise in the Russian power battle. He issued Russia's powerful regional leaders an ultimatum to back his dissolution of the Supreme Soviet or face dismissal.

However, senior government sources attending a meeting of hostile regional leaders in St Petersburg told Interfax news agency last night that Sergei Shakrai, the president's chief legal aide, had reached preliminary agreement on timing of fresh elections.

They said that under the proposed deal, new parliamentary and presidential polls would be held simultaneously and not, as demanded by Mr Yeltsin, with the legislature facing trial by ballot six months before the Kremlin post was put to the vote.

If confirmed by Mr Yeltsin today this opens the first chink of compromise in the clash so far. Last night constitutional Valery Zorkin, the court chairman met the pretender to the presidency, Aleksandr Rutskoi, apparently to present him with the "Zero option" of discounting the events of the last week and staging simultaneous elections.

With parliament's headquarters sealed off and surrounded by presidential troops, the mass-media and army toeing the Kremlin line, Mr Yeltsin turned his ire on the regions, sacking Yuri Lodkin, a rebel administration head in Bryansk west of Moscow and replacing him with a loyal candidate. Local police were ordered to enter the city's administrative headquarters and clear out Mr Lodkin's supporters.

The Kremlin leader's relentless grinding down of his enemied received an international boost on Saturday when the G7 nations at a meeting of finance ministers in Washington pledged their support for his actions.

At the conference attended by Boris Fyordorov, Russia's finance minister, the group of the world's top industrial nations issued a statement saying that its members held "the very strong hope that the latest developments will help Russia achieve a decisive breakthrough on the road to market-orientated reforms".

The Russian leader, dapper in his winter coat and smiling broadly appeared at a concert on Red Square yesterday accompanied by his wife Naina, prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and other government members in a calculated show of solidarity inside the cabinet. He joined an audience of 20,000 who had gathered to hear Mstislav Rostropovich, the cellist and composer who emigrated from the Soviet Union in 1978, conduct Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*.

Afterwards some 8,000 Yeltsin supporters marched through the city. In a television appearance earlier, Mr Yeltsin said that he was near to victory and described parliament's resistance as "a last gasp". Mocking his dwindling band of adversaries inside the Supreme Soviet building, he joked: "Soon there will be only two men left, Khasbulatov and Rutskoi — and I have no idea what the two of them will find to do in that building".

Inside the White House, the number of deputies dwindled further yesterday to around 200. Mr Rutskoi, an increasingly lonely figure, told the small crowd of hardline demonstrators outside the building that he would "fight to the end" to defend parliament.

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Unionists attack 'immoral' Sinn Fein peace package

BY SHEILA GUNN AND EDWARD GORMAN

A PEACE initiative drawn up by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, and John Hume, leader of the SDLP, was dismissed by unionist politicians last night as immoral and disgraceful.

The unionists also warned British and Irish politicians that any attempt to implement joint authority over the province in exchange for an IRA ceasefire would provoke fresh loyalist violence.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said: "If the British government moves towards joint authority, which is the very least the IRA will accept, then there will be an increase in violence from loyalist paramilitaries."

A report on the initiative, which results from five months of secret talks, was handed to the Irish government in Dublin yesterday. Although details remain confidential, there is speculation in Belfast that joint authority is central to the proposals.

Yesterday Mr Hume, who flew to the United States to discuss his plan with Irish-American politicians, urged politicians from both communities in the province not to pass judgment until the British and Irish governments had studied it.

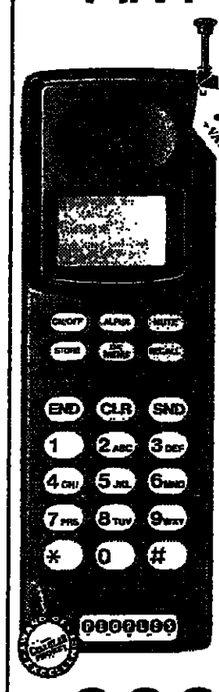
Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, did not rule out pursuing the Hume-Adams approach. "Our priority is to seek out a new formula for peace," he said. "We are not interested in anybody continuing with violence."

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, appeared more sceptical and is still pressing for a revival of the formal talks process which ended last November. Sir Patrick said yesterday that he was not prepared to talk to any organisation involved in violence. Official sources again ruled out any possibility of joint arrangements.

Speculation that the IRA had approved the report seemed to be confirmed by comments from Martin McGuinness of Londonderry, a leading figure in the republican movement. Mr McGuiness speaking in Cookstown, Co Tyrone, predicted that Sinn Fein would eventually be involved in direct talks.

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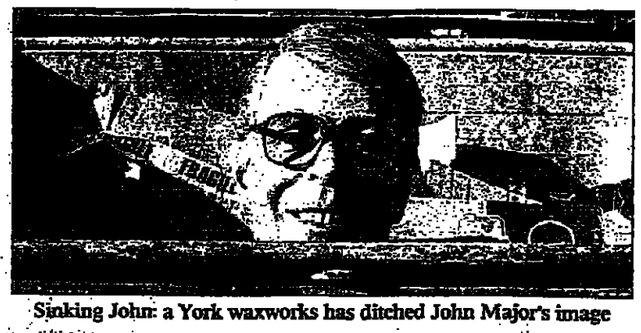
Impending loneliness of being a boy called John

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BOTH John Major and John Smith are right out of fashion. Their given name has suffered an amazing decline in popularity, according to an edition of *The Guinness Book of Names* published today.

Between 1780 and 1950, John was always either the first or second most popular boy's name in England and Wales, but this year it has plummeted to 40th place. John, the book says, now comes behind Joshua (6th), Aaron (16th), Liam (22nd), Jordan (26th), Ashley (30th) and Callum (36th). Not one of these upstarts qualified for a place in the top 50 as recently as 1985.

Lest Messrs Smith and Major fear that John's present unpopularity touches them personally, it must be added that Paddy still finishes absolutely nowhere. Even Patrick has not come in the top 50 for England and Wales since 1965.



Sinking John: a York waxworks has ditched John Major's image

Nor is John's decline peculiar to Britain. In Australia the name has dropped from top place in 1950 to 35th today and it is on the slide in America as well. Still 7th for white boys, it has dropped to 17th among non-whites.

"John is likely to become a rare name for future generations," Leslie Dunkling, the book's compiler, said. "Even now a John beginning school is likely to be the only boy of that name in his class — something that would have been out of the question a few years ago."

John's biblical antecedents cannot be blamed for his precipitate fall from grace. Though Mark has tumbled from ninth place to 28th, other biblical names are thriving, with Matthew, Adam, Luke, Benjamin and Samuel all increasing in popularity.

Most successful of all is Daniel, which has risen from 50th place in 1965 to the top spot this year.

Rebecca is now the most popular first name for girls in England and Wales, followed by Charlotte, Laura and Amy. Newcomers to the list include Stacey (16th), Jade (18th), Kimberley (34th) and Chelsea, as in Clinton, (39th).

Mr Dunkling also lists the most

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Littlewoods pools founder dies at 97



Sir John Moores, right, founder of the Littlewoods pools and retailing empire, has died aged 97, it was announced yesterday. Sir John, who lived in Formby, Merseyside, died in his sleep on Saturday night. He founded the Littlewoods Organisation in 1924 with a small football pools business and it has grown into the UK's largest private company, employing more than 30,000 people and with interests in pools, home shopping and high street retailing. Sir John, who had a personal fortune estimated £1.5 billion, was reputed to have been the second wealthiest man in England and the ninth richest person in Europe.

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BR stalls on fare rise

British Rail proposals to announce today fare increases of up to 8 per cent have been put back until after the Tory party conference. A BR source said that difficulties in pricing the London travel card were officially to blame, although "the usual battle is being fought over what we say we need and what the government is prepared to give us".

Gangs rob BBC staff

BBC television employees are being offered courses in self-defence to protect them from thieves when they are stuck in traffic. Staff on their way home from Television Centre have been attacked for their mobile phones. Sir Colin Marshall, British Airways chief executive, has also been attacked. Gangs are halting cars at pelican crossings.

Hunts muster support

About 2,000 members and supporters of some of the most renowned hunts in Britain gathered at Garthorpe point-to-point racecourse, Leicestershire, yesterday to voice their opposition to a move to ban the pursuit of animals with hounds on land owned by the county council. Twenty county councils have imposed a total or partial ban.

MP called to US court

The Labour MP Ken Livingstone is expected to be a witness for an IRA suspect whose extradition hearing opens in San Francisco today. James Smyth, 38, escaped in 1983 from the Maze prison, where he was serving 20 years for attempted murder. Smyth's lawyers, who have subpoenaed Mr Livingstone, will claim his life will be in danger if he returns.

U-turn on Thatcherism

Thatcherism has been criticised by the Institute of Economic Affairs, the free-market think-tank, for placing too much emphasis on the economy at the expense of a sense of community. In a book, it says: "Competitive markets co-ordinate the efforts of people who may be self-interested, even selfish, but they do not create solidarity."

10,000 ramblers protest

About 10,000 ramblers took to the woods yesterday to protest against the privatisation of Forestry Commission land and the threatened loss of public access. Alan Mattingly, Ramblers' Association director, told a rally in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, that only 15 per cent of private owners allowed as much access as the commission.

Keenan wins book prize

The former Beirut hostage Brian Keenan has won the Irish Literary Award for non-fiction for *An Evil Cradling*, an account of his four years in captivity after being kidnapped in 1986. Mr Keenan, now writer in residence at Trinity College Dublin, will receive the award from President Robinson of Ireland at a ceremony in November.

Matrix executive may sue ministers

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

THE man at the centre of the arms-to-Iraq affair is considering legal action against the government for allegedly trying to cover up its role in the export of defence-related equipment to Iraq, *The Times* was told yesterday.

Paul Henderson, former managing director of the Coventry-based machine-tool manufacturer Matrix Churchill, is taking legal advice about a claim for compensation for wrongful arrest, personal damage and the loss of his business.

The 700 employees who lost their jobs when Matrix Churchill went into receivership after the arrest of Mr Henderson and two other executives are also considering a claim for compensation, which could run into millions of pounds.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Henderson, whose book *The Unlikely Spy* is published today, accused ministers and officials of a covert attempt to boost sales of defence-related equipment to Iraq, and of conspiring to cover up their actions after Saddam Hussein's invasion of Iraq in August 1991.

Mr Henderson said that evidence given to Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair last week by William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, that the relaxation of the arms export guidelines allowed only a small amount of equipment through, was "misleading and wrong".

Mr Waldegrave was wrong to say that the increase in exports of defence-related equipment after the 1988 Iran-Iraq war ceasefire was marginal and insignificant. They were not, he said. "Engineering products alone were worth £400 million a year, while export licences for machine tools were worth £50 million.

"At the end of the day, Mr Waldegrave was party to the decision to grant Matrix Churchill export licences for machine tools in full view that they were going to munitions factories. Why can't he stand up and say this was government policy?"

Computer-assisted machine tools manufactured by Matrix Churchill and other British companies were shipped to Iraq under the guise of general engineering, and were used to manufacture shells, mortars, artillery rockets, howitzer fuses, Scud missile components and gas centrifuges for developing nuclear weapons.

But Mr Henderson had informed the security services about the end use of the machine tools, and had collected vital intelligence on the Iraqi arms procurement programme, including the supergun project, during his frequent visits to Baghdad. Documents disclosed at last year's abortive Old Bailey trial showed that this intelligence was passed on to Foreign Office, defence and trade and industry officials.

In his book, Mr Henderson discloses how he had spied for British intelligence for 20 years during the Cold War while selling machine tools in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, China and the Middle East.

He also supplied the intelligence services with the locations of Iraqi munitions factories which were later used by British and American warplanes in the Gulf war to prepare the allied aerial bombardment in Operation Desert Storm.

Mr Henderson is adamant that ministers knew Matrix Churchill was supplying equipment for manufacturing munitions. "Right up until the day before the Iraqi invasion, the government was releasing licences for the export of our machine tools to Iraq."

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Paul Henderson outside the headquarters of MI6, which he supplied with information about Iraqi arms procurement programmes

Advisers tell prickly Major to appoint a streetfighter

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

JOHN Major is being strongly advised by senior Conservatives to strengthen his Downing Street team in the wake of the débâcle of his Far East trip.

At the very least they want him to appoint a second parliamentary aide, well-versed in the political black arts, to fend off trouble.

Although senior figures praise the "kitchen cabinet" surrounding Mr Major as being full of nice, bright people, they bemoan the lack of a seasoned streetfighter or a father confessor figure. Such a person, they claim, would have advised the prime minister not to react to the journalists' taunts while on his Tokyo trip about remarks made by Tory mavericks.

Few Tory backbenchers direct criticism against Graham Bright, Mr Major's jovial parliamentary aide: Gus O'Donnell, his press secretary, or Sarah Hogg, head of No 10's policy unit. But they believe Mr Major's intense loyalty to his aides is blinding him to the need for someone skilled in damage limitation.

A new parliamentary aide combining the machiavellian skills of Sir Bernard Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's press secretary, with the gravitas of Viscount Whitelaw, is the preferred option.

Brian Mawhinney, the Ulster-born health minister, and Alistair Burt, junior social security minister, are both mentioned as candidates.

One senior Conservative backbencher commented: "There is quite a feeling among a number of colleagues that Graham is OK in certain directions but he does not have the overall clout needed for the job."

But, he pointed out, complaints within Tory ranks about the "kitchen cabinet" had been rumbling for more than a year.

Although relations between Mr Major and Mr O'Donnell are widely regarded as excellent, some MPs were astonished when the press secretary apologised last week to John Sargent, the BBC's political correspondent, for calling him "a jerk".

Two close confidants of the prime minister grumbled yesterday that Mr Major "plays by the rules" while others, including some journalists on last week's trip, did not.

Clarke doubts the power of recovery

By Janet Bush in Washington and Sheila Gunn

KENNETH Clarke predicted yesterday that unemployment in Europe would remain unacceptably high and rebuked the Labour party and EC governments for allegedly promoting social policies that destroyed jobs.

Speaking in Washington before attending a meeting of finance ministers, the Chancellor said: "I think there is serious danger that even if we keep low inflation and sort out problems of public finances, there can be no certainty that we will get down unemployment to levels necessary and desirable in a successful democratic society."

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, accused Mr Clarke of complacency. "It shows a government that lacks the political will to make the reduction of unemployment a central priority," Mr Brown said. "I think there will be anger throughout the country that Mr Clarke is condemning millions to continued unemployment."

Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said the Chancellor was displaying an "outrageous attitude" to Britain's 2.9 million unemployed.

Mr Clarke criticised Labour and continental governments for continuing to argue for social protections for those in work when unemployment was so high.

In ebullient form at his first international economic meeting, Mr Clarke said he found a mystifying contradiction in those who supported freeing trade while advocating protectionist social legislation.

Earnings data back 2.5% rise for fire pay

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S 48,000 firefighters could be due pay rises of up to 2.5 per cent — 1 percentage point above the government's public sector pay policy — according to figures to be published this week.

Fire authority employers and leaders of the Fire Brigades Union will seize on the figures from the government's New Earnings Survey to be announced on Thursday by the employment department.

The survey figures, a snapshot of earnings across the economy taken in April each year, form the basis of the firefighters' pay formula, which the government is insisting must be suspended this year in favour of the 1.5 per cent planned for all of the public sector.

Fire employers will make a preliminary estimate of the increase due at a meeting in London on Friday before they meet leaders of the Fire Brigades Union. Unpublished calculations by the employers suggest that the rise due could be about 2.5 per cent.

If the survey figure for the top 25 per cent of male manual workers' earnings, the basis of the firefighters' pay formula, has risen by the same amount as overall average earnings from April 1992 until April this year, then the fire pay formula could suggest an increase of about £8.30 a week.

This figure will then be set against the results of a joint employer-union survey of firefighters' current pay levels, to produce an actual increase. For each fireman, the difference between 1.5 and 2.5 per cent could be £2.80 a week.

Fire employers will tell Michael Howard, the home secretary, tomorrow that it would be more cost-effective to meet the full cost of the increase than the likely cost of emergency cover for a strike.

A special FBU conference at the weekend voted 3-1 for a ballot on strike action.

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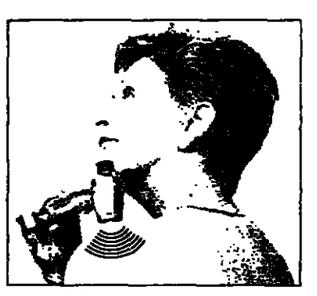
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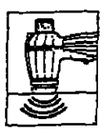
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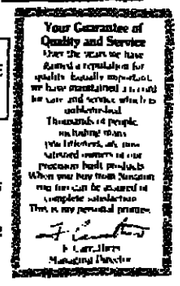


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John falls out of favour

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popular names for dogs (Lady, King, Duke, Peppy and Prince); cats (Sooty, Smokie, Brandy, Fluffy and Tiger); and houses (The Bungalow, The Cottage, Rose Cottage, The School House and Hillcrest).

He also notes that parents could perhaps call their daughters John for a Joke. Joke is, he says, a Dutch name for a girl and "ultimately a form of John".

The top ten first names for boys in England and Wales are:

1. Daniel
2. Matthew
3. James
4. Christopher
5. Thomas
6. Joshua
7. Adam
8. Michael
9. Luke
10. Andrew.

The top 10 names for girls in England and Wales are:

1. Rebecca
2. Charlotte
3. Laura
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The 10 most common surnames in England and Wales are:

1. Smith
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3. Williams
4. Taylor
5. Davies
6. Brown
7. Thomas
8. Evans
9. Roberts
10. Johnson.

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Anglo-Irish authority opposed

Hume aims at joint rule

By Edward Gorman

THE talks between John Hume and Gerry Adams are making immediate political progress more difficult in Ireland but they claim to be holding out the long-term possibility of an end to IRA violence.

John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, have been talking at secret locations in Northern Ireland over five months. The meetings have given Loyalist terrorists an excuse for attacking SDLP councillors in their homes and unionist politicians a plausible reason for not returning to negotiations. But Mr Hume and those close to him argue that seeking peace will cause short-term difficulties which can be overcome.

Mr Hume is trying to entice Sinn Fein and the IRA into the mainstream, using the long-held moderate nationalist goal of joint British-Irish authority over Northern Ireland as the price for a permanent cessation of violence.

Sources close to the SDLP leader yesterday emphasised that this should not be seen as a step on the road to Irish unity, but as an end in itself, preferring the term "double-guarantee" to joint authority. One source said: "If we are going to bring both sides of the population in the North into some agreement, both have to be reassured that they are not going to be pushed in a direction in which they don't want to go. If there is going to be a lasting settlement, both governments have to play a part."

Mr Hume's vision requires of Sinn Fein and the IRA an acceptance that forcing a unilateral British withdrawal is not possible and formal recognition that any stable arrangements will need unionist consent. This seems a long way from the thinking of militarist republicans and there is no hint that Mr Adams is prepared to contemplate it.

Another difficulty with the Hume approach is that almost all the other parties to the quarrel do not accept its intended conclusion.

John Major and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, made plain this summer that they view any joint authority as unacceptable. The government argues that it would be unworkable and a betrayal of the majority in Ulster.

Unionists reject the idea, as does the non-sectarian Alliance party. For Dublin, the Hume-Adams talks pose a dilemma. A joint arrangement might seem a step forward, but could preclude a unitary state while placing heavy burdens on the republic.

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Thousands make the running

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

SIX thousand runners crowded into Hyde Park in central London yesterday to take part in the Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run, a festival of athletics and endeavour.

From eight-year-old children to adults over 80, the event attracted all shapes and sizes, some carrying balloons or holding the hands of their children, others in fancy dress or athletic kit.

The famous were there too. Wendy Sly, who won her Olympic silver medal in the 3000m race at the Los Angeles Games in 1984; John Treacy, who was second in the marathon in those same Games; and Mark Rowland, the Olympic steeplechase bronze medal winner, who set the fastest time of the day over the two and a half mile course with 11 mins 46 secs.

Matthew Yates, third in the Commonwealth Games 800m in 1990, came equal third in his age group and said it was important to show his support for the event. "We could have the next Sally Gunnell or Linford Christie out here," he said. "Events like these inspire people to participate. The athletics authorities should do more of this and most of the top athletes should be here to support it. It is vital for the sport's development."

Heavy showers in the afternoon briefly dampened the athletes but not their spirits, and it did not interrupt the stream of runners who pounded the twisting course among the fallen leaves.

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Police arrest BNP supporters to halt race confrontation

BY STEWART TENDLER AND EDWARD GORMAN

MORE than 50 ultra right-wing supporters of the British National Party were arrested yesterday in a pre-emptive strike aimed at preventing a third weekend of race-related violence in London.

Scotland Yard took what officers described as the "robust and unusual" action of arresting BNP members as soon as they appeared near Brick Lane in the East End, on the ground that by gathering they were committing a breach of the peace.

Fifty-seven people were reported to have been detained, mostly at Mile End Underground station. All were released without charge once officers were satisfied the danger of confrontation had passed.

The arrests came as several thousand members of the Anti-Nazi League massed on the corner of Brick Lane and Bethnal Green Road, amid a heavy police presence, to chant anti-racist slogans in the wake of the by-election success for the BNP on the Isle of Dogs ten days ago. The BNP has handed out racist literature in the area on Sunday mornings for many years, but yesterday its members could not do so.

This was greeted as a great victory by the Anti-Nazi League. "For the first time in a number of years, they [the BNP] have been prevented from selling their racist propaganda," said Paul Holborow, a League member. "There are a number of local people who have gained courage from the number of people who have turned up."

Michael Taylor, deputy assistant commissioner in charge of police covering the East End, defended the arrests, which he said would leave the BNP in no doubt about police intentions. "If I think their presence is going to cause a breach of the peace I am entitled to detain them. I believe I am well within my rights," he said.

Mr Taylor said he hoped the tactic, using common law, would bring a permanent end to the violence. He telephoned one of the BNP's senior officials on Friday and told him the presence of party supporters would not be welcome. If they went to the area it would be regarded as "provoking a breach of the peace and would be dealt with in that manner", he said. The BNP official told him they were not planning to come and would make other arrangements.

Mr Taylor said: "I am heartily sick and tired of seeing police officers in the middle of opposing factions and being injured."

The BNP claims it is enjoying a membership surge following the election of its candidate, Derek Beackon, in *Millwall*. A party official told *The Times* it had received more than 850 applications for membership at its headquarters at Welling, southeast London, since the by-election. He claimed the party would more than double its estimated 1,200 members.



Anti-racism protesters in the East End yesterday

Car park proposed for Turner meadow

BY RACHEL KELLY

ONE of the few remaining Lake District views immortalised by Turner is under threat from developers who want to turn part of a water meadow into a car park.

The Turner Society yesterday called for the view to be saved. Local people have protested against plans by Labour-controlled Allerdale council to develop the Cumbrian river meadow by the river Derwent at Cockermouth, west Cumbria, into a recreational area with a picnic site, car park and three football pitches.

Stanley Warburton, vice-president of The Turner Society, said: "Turner's sketching viewpoints should, wherever possible, be protected and be preserved for future generations to enjoy."

Turner sketched the river meadow as part of his painting of Cockermouth Castle in 1809. The painting is at Petworth House, Sussex. The fields shown on the right of the picture are under threat from the proposed development. The meadow is also referred to in a poem by Wordsworth, who was born in Cockermouth.

"Cockermouth is unique and a must for lovers of the poet and Turner," Mr Warburton said. "Surely an alternative site could be found near by? Since tourists come from home and abroad, let us hope Cockermouth will remain a place of pilgrimage."





Turner's 1809 painting of Cockermouth Castle, including, on the right, the meadow now under threat from development. Below, the view today from where Turner stood to make sketches for the painting

The fate of the water meadow will be decided this week at a full council meeting.

The development of the meadow was part of wider plans, including a deal with developers to redevelop the current council football site in Cockermouth for housing, the council argues. The possible redevelopment of the pitch meant new ones were needed, Chris Hart, chief executive of the council, said.

Opposition to the plans is growing as locals realise the implications. Allan Caine, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said the plans had been pushed through by the council with "undue haste".

GPs asked to be open on cancer

DOCTORS must ensure that cancer patients know what is wrong with them and which treatments are available, a watchdog body said today.

The stress of receiving bad news and complicated medical jargon too often left patients muddled, said the *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin* published by the Consumers' Association.

Consultants and GPs should use tapes and diagrams and explain things in simple language, it said.

"Most patients with cancer want to be informed about their disease and its treatment, with many welcoming a chance to share in decision-making," the bulletin said. "Playing an active part can help patients' mental state.

"The diagnosis of cancer alters the attitude to risk so that patients with life-threatening illness may accept treatment at any price. If current treatments are likely to be ineffective, participation in a trial of a new drug may sometimes keep hope alive for a patient desperate for something to be done."

Drink-drive vicar resigns from parish

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE vicar jailed for drink-driving has left Brixton prison and has resigned from his parish, it was disclosed last night.

Dr David Hope, the Bishop of London, has accepted the resignation of the Rev David Lawson, 46, who was rector of St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, central London. Mr Lawson, who will not be defrocked, has left London and is staying at a private address, a spokesman said.

Parishioners at the 12th century St Bartholomew's, London's oldest parish church, were told of Mr Lawson's resignation after services yesterday. Most had hoped Mr Lawson would be allowed to stay, and letters of support flooded in during his one-month stay in the south London prison.

Under church law, a vicar who is jailed is automatically deprived of his living, but Dr Hope had the option of appealing to Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to let him remain in his position. Mr Lawson is thought to be the first Anglican clergyman to be jailed for drink-driving, although vicars have been imprisoned for other crimes.

Mr Lawson, formerly a hospital chaplain, was released from Brixton last Friday, after serving half of his two-month sentence.

He went directly to a meeting with Dr Hope, where he resigned and it was agreed that no appeal to Dr Carey would be made.

The Rev Robert Marshall, spokesman for Dr Hope, said: "Details of the meeting must remain private between the bishop and priest. But the bishop has accepted Mr Lawson's resignation from his parish and he has now informed the church wardens of the decision."

Mr Lawson was sentenced by Hampstead magistrates in July on being convicted of his third drink-driving offence, and went to jail after an appeal was dismissed by Southwark Crown Court on August 26. He was found to be over the legal limit when stopped in northwest London earlier this year.

Minister backs call to alter 'naughty nurse' uniforms

BY BILL FROST

NURSES seeking to change the uniform they claim turns them into sex objects have won an influential ally.

Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, signalled his sympathy over the weekend for the many women sick and tired of an image of frilly hats, black stockings and starched dresses. A health department spokesman said: "Of course he would support them if they approached hospitals and hospital trusts asking to be allowed to wear trousers instead of skirts."

The minister's comment in a long-running debate comes as young nurses in particular say they are sick of being cast in the role of Barbara Windsor in a "Carry On" film. They complain that it is difficult to retain their dignity while bending over a man's bed wearing a short skirt.

The process can be uncomfortable and, on occasions, cause back injury as she struggles to avoid embarrassment.

Research conducted at Surrey University identified nurses' uniforms as one of the main triggers of back injury. Lifting sometimes overweight men requires placing one knee on the bed. "This cannot be done in the present uniform if the nurse wishes to maintain her modesty," said Dr David Stubbs, who carried out the research. "She has no choice but to injure herself."

For almost a decade, annual conferences of the Royal College of Nursing have heard calls from delegates for the introduction of trousers.



St Thomas' Hospital has relaxed rules on hats

Alice Walsh, then a member of the Association of Nursing Students executive committee, told the 1987 conference: "I am tired of constantly fighting to keep my dignity when bending and lifting male patients ... As long as we continue to wear dresses as uniforms we will parade the image of nurses as brainless sexy girls."

Hats too have come in for criticism. Two years ago, a nurse was disciplined by managers at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, for refusing to wear one "because it makes me feel like a sex object".

Lisa Burrett, 24, said: "There is an image of nurses as being free and easy, with their frilly hats and black stockings. It is all part of the 'naughty nurse image'."

Some hospital administrators have moved with the times. Nurses at St Thomas' Hospital in south London are no longer compelled to wear unpopular "lamb-cutlet" hats.



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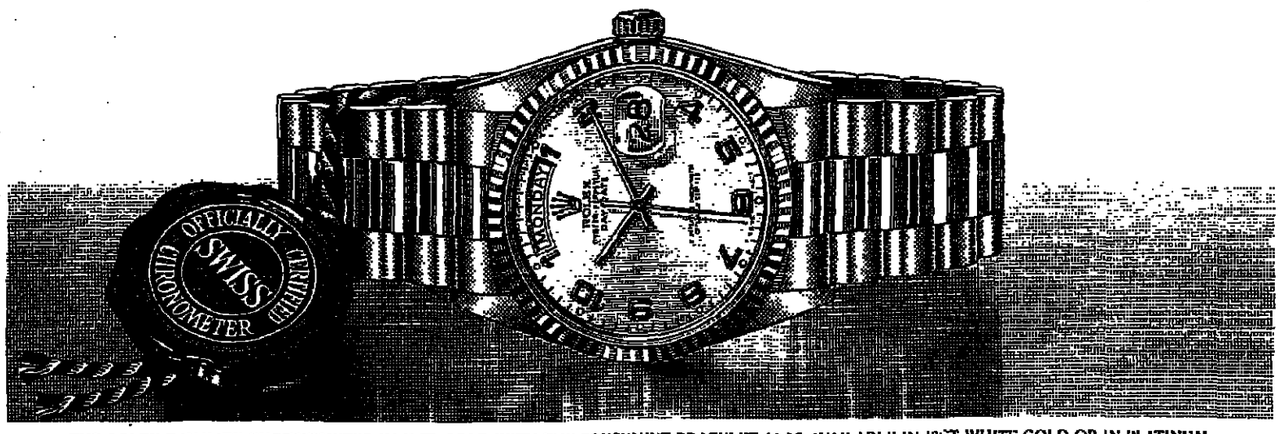
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Romantic Britons retain devotion to the concept of marriage despite soaring divorce rate

Lovely idea — shame about the reality

SEX + MARRIAGE

The revolution in social and sexual mores has not destroyed the popular belief in marriage. Despite a bad press and gloomy statistics, many people see the alternatives as bleak

BY BILL FROST AND ANGELA MACKAY

The institution of marriage is beleaguered as never before with changed sexual and social attitudes forcing couples to re-evaluate the way they share their lives. Yet belief in marriage is deeply rooted.

The *Times* poll and our investigations show that respect for marriage as a core national value still holds sway although this support is being eroded. Recession, unemployment, infidelity and the relative ease of obtaining a divorce frequently send couples to the lawyer's office.

Although many newly-weds see their parents as role models, that is belied by divorce statistics. Man is no longer the sole breadwinner and woman has long ceased to see herself as "the little home-maker".

Since 1980, the number of marriages has dropped by 10.5 per cent, while the divorce rate has risen by 3.5 per cent. The sharpest decline in the marriage rate (13 per cent) has been among couples marrying for the first time.

Christopher Clulow, of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies, said children whose parents' marriages ended in acrimony were likely to find their own relationship breaking up the same way. "People are still trying to recreate childhood and display an unerring tendency to select someone who will reject them. Women are attracted to men who beat them if their own fathers beat their mothers."

The counselling agency Relate has uncovered another threat to happy marriages: female frigidity or male impotence caused by sexual abuse in childhood at the hands of parents or close relatives.

Zelda West-Meads, of Relate, told *The Times*: "In a typical case, the subject will eventually reveal in counselling that the inability to enjoy sex in marriage stems from childhood memories. A woman may blame her husband for trying to make her submit to what her father made her do."

The problem is not confined to any one social class, Mrs West-Meads says. "It is found in relationships between the wealthiest and the poorest people we see."

Why, against such a poor prognosis for happiness, should so many people still attach great value to the institution of marriage? Therapists and counsellors told *The Times* that people were simply not content with possible alternatives, such as casual affairs, celibacy and loneliness.

Renate Olins, director of London Marriage Guidance, said: "Anxiety over entering into the partnership is outweighed by a profound and intense longing. Our experience is that most couples living together are not content with the unmarried state."

However, where couples have shown their belief in marriage by remarrying after divorce, the statistics are even more startling. The divorce rate for second marriages has jumped 103 per cent over the past 10 years.

Couples, aware of the danger of estrangement in their second marriage, are showing more caution over joint finances. Solicitors and financial advisers say that, increasingly, clients are interested in pre-nuptial agreements and long-term planning to maintain financial independence.

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TONY WHITE

Patricia and David Brewerton: with the children grown up, the couple have more time for each other

Hard labour and cash can bind the ties

MARRIED for 30 years, Patricia and David Brewerton are happier now than they ever have been. While this is based on a strong and loving relationship, several other factors have helped: their three children have left home either to marry or study and the couple earn more than ever in interesting and challenging jobs.

"It's difficult not to sound pious when trying to explain how we have worked on our marriage to get it in this kind of shape," Mr Brewerton said. "There have been two or three times when we reached a point when ending the marriage was an alternative, but we stuck together probably because we always liked each other."

Their marriage did not have an easy start. Mrs Brewerton's parents were uncertain about her marrying David. She was 22 and he was 20. They had no money and David had few religious convictions while her family were strict Baptists. David was working as a stockbroker's clerk and Patricia as a secretary.

After the birth of their son Ben, the Brewertons were told that for medical reasons they would have to adopt if they wanted more children. They later adopted Jake and Sarah. Jake and his wife last week produced the first grandchild, Marcus. Mrs Brewerton said: "When you have children, life can become one long slog. You have to bear in mind that it will get better and try not to walk out the door when things go wrong."

Now they often go out for dinner or the theatre. "We have a little flat in Soho as well as our family house in Brentwood, Essex, so it's easier to have a more varied social life in town. We dress up, go out and have fun," she said.

They argue often and passionately but a long time ago took a joint decision not to nag. Mrs Brewerton added that it took her husband some years before he could lose his temper and fight wholeheartedly. "He didn't realise that all those terrible things you can say during an argument were just that — things you say but do not mean."

Mr Brewerton changed jobs soon after they married and entered journalism, building a successful career in Fleet Street before switching again three years ago to become a financial public relations consultant. Mrs Brewerton, meanwhile, stopped working to care for the children and six years ago began full-time studies, taking a degree in English literature from London University. She now teaches English for the Workers' Educational Association.

The couple help foster their romance by making sure they look good. Mr Brewerton said: "We are both members of a gym and try to be well groomed. It might sound superficial but we both think it's important to take a bit of extra care.

He added: "I don't believe anyone is destined to live with someone in a perfect relationship, but certainly there are people who are destined not to stay together. While we've been lucky in our lives together, an awful lot of our happiness has to be put down to pure hard work."

Job loss imposes impossible strain

RECESSION, redundancy and bankruptcy have destroyed an increasing number of marriages during the past four years, according to counsellors seeking to help couples to stay together (Bill Frost writes).

Men who once regarded themselves as breadwinners find great difficulty in adjusting to a life of idleness and futility. Frequently they become depressed, sexually impotent and argumentative.

Sometimes the fear of redundancy can be almost as destructive as the news itself. Since the recession began, counsellors have noted that many more couples have become estranged when one partner devotes excessive energy to the office and neglects home and family.

Obsessional dedication to duty drives a wedge between individuals who in better economic times would have been well matched. Sex drive decreases as fear about security at work goes up.

Zelda West-Meads, of Relate, the largest marriage guidance agency in the country, has seen a procession of such unhappy men and their partners in recent years. "Recession and redundancy and the fear of being cast on the scrapheap can break a couple apart just as surely as infidelity," she said.

"The man is made redundant and finds it difficult, if not impossible, to get another job. Initially there is a loss of identity and the sense of purpose. He finds life all the more difficult to bear if his wife is working."

The prognosis for such relationships is not good, Mrs West-Meads said. "It is a familiar story for us. The man sits around and grows more depressed as his wife tries to get him to look for a new job. He cannot bear to have her standing over him 'nagging'. She plans; he says 'get off my back'. Impotence can follow and the couple are further apart than ever."

Phil, a broadcaster and journalist, lost his job last year. At about the same time his wife, a teacher, was promoted.

The marriage ran into trouble as Phil's efforts to find another job proved fruitless. Carol was supportive, but her husband appeared to resent her suggestions.

She said: "I told him to write letters to editors, ring up old friends, call in as many favours as he could. He did for a while, but then told me to 'lay off'. A few weeks into his search for a new job and the arguments started in earnest. I got the impression that he blamed me for still having a job while he sat at home twiddling his thumbs, waiting for the offer which never came."

The couple, who are in their mid-thirties, stopped sleeping together and began to discuss separation. The marriage appeared to be over. A chance meeting with an old friend in a wine bar brought Phil the offer of a new job. His relationship with Carol improved almost immediately.

"I felt as though I had rediscovered the old me and the old us," Phil said. "When I lost my job I went through a process of rejection, mystification, anger and very deep pain. Carol seemed to be part of the problem.

"Looking back now, I realise I should have agreed to see a counsellor or a therapist to help us over that difficult time. But the last thing I wanted was someone else, an interfering stranger at that, seeing me at my lowest.

"God knows what would have happened to us if I hadn't been offered another job: the marriage may well have ended. I hope we are stronger now. I hope I have re-evaluated my life: work is not the be-all and end-all, but Carol is."

Carol still has mixed feelings about her husband's reaction to the trauma of unemployment. "I thought that our relationship was capable of withstanding a crisis like that; it wasn't as though we had both been having affairs. His employers had rejected him, I hadn't, yet he still regarded me as an enemy, too. Things are better now. We both know, however, our relationship is not as strong as we thought."

Phil and Carol were lucky. According to counsellors, middle-aged men, brought up with the ingrained view of father-as-breadwinner, find enormous difficulty coming to terms with "loss of face".

Renate Olins, director of London Marriage Guidance, acknowledges that rejection by an employer imposes an immense strain on marriage, "a tightening of the screw over which neither partner has any control". She believes, however, that such crises can sometimes strengthen relationships. "When a marriage is under external pressure the cracks between the partners widen, but some marriages flourish in adversity. Partners rise to the challenge, they find a way through.

"A crisis can often be an opportunity to improve upon a relationship. If they have not been apart for too long, if there is still a spark, there is still hope."

All too frequently, counsellors find themselves unable to help a couple whose relationship was not strong enough to withstand economic hardship. A wife can lose all patience with a husband she sees as having "let the family down" by losing his job or going bankrupt.

Therapists and counsellors say, however, that some good may come from the recession of the late 80s. Couples whose relationships survive such trauma and upheaval may well emerge more strongly bonded than ever before.

They point out that when an individual loses everything and his or her partner stays loyal, there can be no better evidence of enduring love.

Keeping the spark alive

BY BILL FROST

A LACK of realism about the power and longevity of sexual passion often contributes to marital breakdown.

According to counsellors and therapists, the urge to make love has already begun to decline by the time the "average" 1990s couple marry. Chastity before wedlock became very rare after the sexual revolution of the 1960s and not even the danger of Aids has managed to restore the old conventions.

Increasing numbers of married couples are seeking outside help to keep alive sexual passion. Others simply give up and drift apart.

Jonathan Pincus, a psychosexual counsellor and psychologist, has talked many couples through their difficulties in the bedroom. "Mutual consensus on spicing up your sex life is central," he says.

"All too often the husband makes the running, when the fantasy should be mutual. He will try to compel his wife to dress up in rubber or leather when she doesn't want to. It is simple bullying and causes immense resentment," Mr Pincus says.

"It is acceptable to get turned on by tying each other up — that's fine, providing that you both are genuinely happy. But getting your kicks at the other person's expense is a disaster for the marriage." The so-called "open marriage" can be equally destructive, says Mr Pincus. He points out that it is usually a bored husband rather than a frustrated wife who suggests the idea.

"I suppose it is possible for some couples to agree to sleep with other people, or go to wife-swapping parties which still do exist despite Aids — just look at contact magazines or telephone lines," Mr Pincus says. "But almost inevitably, serious resentment and jealousy builds up after a while and the marriage falls apart."

Zelda West-Meads, of Relate, has also worked with many couples who complain that the passion has left their marriage. These couples have allowed their sex lives to become routine, which is often the prelude to the disintegration of the relationship.

"Sex pervades the whole of marriage, it is all important. Some couples may be able to live without making love but they are few and far between," she says.

Mrs West-Meads advises those worried that passion is fading to preserve the feelings that first drew them together. "Don't take each other for granted sexually. We see many couples where the man believes their sex life is fine while the woman is very depressed.

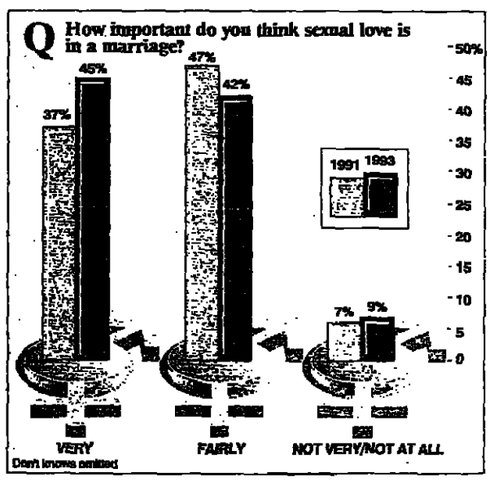
"Try and seek variety — sex is like food: if you ate the same meal every day you would soon become very bored.

"Talk openly about what you both like sexually: discuss the different places you would like to make love. Talk to each other in bed during sex and show your partner which bit of your body you would like to be touched and caressed."

Renate Olins, director of London Marriage Guidance, also encourages couples to touch and stroke each other as a means of expressing sexual love and much deeper affection. "Sex in marriage should never be mechanical — 'wham bam' and it's over — that never keeps couples happy," Ms Olins says.

"If a marriage begins to break down, love-making can continue. But without affection it soon becomes mere routine. Worse, partners can some times put all their contempt, anger and disappointment into the sex act," she says.

"Sex is very important in marriage, it has got to be good enough for both partners. If there are difficulties, talk them through. Too many couples suffer from an an inability or unwillingness to resolve some of these issues."



WHAT THEY SAY

■ Every woman should marry an archaeologist because she grows increasingly attractive to him as she grows increasingly to resemble a ruin.
Agatha Christie, author



■ It is an insult ... women shouldn't touch it. As a bride I was a legal prostitute.
Jenni Murray, broadcaster



■ After being married for 28 years, I've learnt that you shouldn't try to assume anything beyond tomorrow.
Jilly Cooper, author, in 1990

■ The marital tie remains the most personal, volatile and unclassifiable of human bonds.
Drusilla Beyfus, author

TOMORROW

Marriage as a prison and how to avoid poverty after divorce

Women's desire disputed

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE widespread belief that older women have a stronger sex drive than men of the same age is undermined by the *Times*/MORI poll. Of the women surveyed, 41 per cent said sex was very important while 44 per cent said it was fairly important.

Marital sex loses its importance for women as they become older, according to the poll. Nearly half (48 per cent) between 18 and 34 said sexual love was very important — an increase of 11 per cent compared with a poll in 1989. However, only 40 per cent of women aged 35 to 54 thought it very important, and 37 per cent of those 55 and over.

More than half of the men between 18 and 34 (52 per cent) said sex was very important in marriage, dropping to 46 per cent of 35 to 54-year-olds. The same percentage of men over 55 rated it very important.

Of married couples, about half of the men (49 per cent) and 40 per cent of the women deemed sex very important, as did half of couples cohabiting, who represented 5 per cent of all adults.

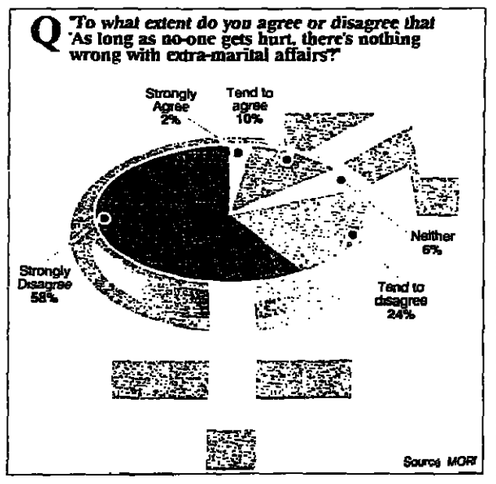
Although the great majority (81 per cent) of married people did not sanction extra-marital affairs, men were more likely to believe that they were not wrong (13 per cent).

Only 8 per cent of married women said affairs were acceptable. Compared with 1989, a significant number — equal to more than four million of the adult population — have turned against the idea of affairs.

The poll also showed that men who supported the Labour party (16 per cent) and the Liberal Democrats (16 per cent) sanctioned adultery more than their Conservative counterparts (10 per cent).

There has been a steady increase in the proportion who believe that the institution of marriage is dead — from 9 per cent in 1989 to 13 per cent in 1990 and 16 per cent in 1993. This is mostly accounted for by those in the unskilled working classes, 23 per cent of whom are now against it.

The age groups most against marriage were the under-34s and the over-55s. Twenty-seven per cent of widowed, divorced and separated people agreed that marriage is dead, as did 27 per cent of cohabitees.



FINDINGS

☐ *Love, Sex and Marriage*, a survey of 1,819 adults aged 18+, interviewed face-to-face at home across 143 constituencies throughout Britain on September 16-20.

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Woolf warns of jail danger as inmate total climbs again

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

ORD Justice Woolf today arned the government and ison service of the danger of treating from promises to ange life in Britain's jails.

The author of the report into ison conditions expressed ars that political pressure r tougher law and order olicies would lead to short-rm measures that would use serious problems in ritain's 133 jails.

With Michael Howard, the me secretary, signalling his termination for more aus-re prison regimes, Lord Jus-e Woolf's remarks are a inly veiled attack on minister-al thinking. "I am afraid the story of the prison service is ne where there have been any false dawns and I don't ant this to turn into nother." Lord Justice Woolf id in an interview with the ess Association.

He conducted the enquiry to prison conditions after a onth-long riot wrecked rangeways prison, Man-ester. The report, published 1991, recommended install-g internal sanitation, tele-visions in cells and efforts to encourage prisoners to retain links with their families. The government accepted the recommendations, but plans for televisions in cells have been dropped because of ministerial opposition, while a U-turn on the Criminal Justice Act has resulted in a rising prison population that threatens overcrowding and a return to the use of police cells to hold inmates.

Prison numbers have been rising by 500 a month this year to 46,000, close to capacity. Prison governors have called for immediate action, such as amnesties for some prisoners, to stop prisons boiling over.

Lord Woolf, 60, who became a law lord last year, said: "I hoped out of the horrors of Strangeways a new beginning would occur. I really felt things were progressing. What I find disturbing is that far too many things are happening at the same time — the threat of overcrowding, disturbances, the signs of industrial action ahead. Any organisation in the process of change tends to be vulnerable and can be blown off course."

Lord Woolf said the judiciary responded, as politicians did, to the public mood because part of its responsibility was to retain confidence in the justice system.

But he said the courts must not ignore the consequences of prison overcrowding. "It is most important people do not lose their nerve. Now is the time to take a long view. While the judiciary must do what they see as their duty in protecting the public, it would be shortsighted to try to force more people into the prison system than it can hold. If you go on, it will burst.

"There are people who have to be locked up but it has to be made clear to the public that all the experience shows imprisonment is not a cure."

He pointed to the experience in America where courts jail proportionately five times as many people as in the UK. It had led to prison losing all its stigma in some communities, while costs are out of control.



Graham Johns, principal percussionist with the Liverpool Philharmonic, tests three tower bells, the first set to be owned by a British orchestra. The bells, costing a total of £5,000, will make their debut tomorrow in Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*. Previously the bell sound was recreated with four off-stage pianos

Paris link to tunnel puts French far ahead

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

FRENCH railways yesterday completed a high-speed connection to the Channel tunnel, leaving the British trailing far behind.

The delay in building the British section of the link was condemned by Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford in Kent, as "an absolute disgrace".

He added: "There have been huge rows over the details of the route. It is absolutely ludicrous. We must get on with the project. Unless we solve these problems quickly and sensibly there won't be a Chunnel rail link here this century."

While SNCF, the French national railway, said its TGV high speed trains would begin operating a through service from Paris to Calais from today, the negotiations for the £3 billion line through Kent to London are still continuing. At best, it could be six years before a link is completed.

Until then, connections from the tunnel to London will place further strain on hard-pressed Network SouthEast commuter services, which are facing funding cuts.

Sheehy team takes pay case to MPs

By Stewart Tendler and Richard Ford

EMBERS of the Sheehy quiry into police pay and nditions have launched a blicity counter-offensive ainst the barrage of criti-m from all ranks of the rvice.

Authors of government re-rts traditionally stay on the delines once they have hand-their work to ministers. stead, the Sheehy team has rned to briefings, public ap-arances and newspaper ticles.

Key figures from the team e to focus on MPs in a bid to sure that their proposals are derstood when Parliament urns next month. The five-ong team, headed by Sir trick Sheehy, chairman of AT Industries, recently met discuss the concerted hostil-to their recommendations.

"Sir Patrick got fed up with ople misrepresenting us. e must put our case over and y and get a balanced de-ate," Eric Caines, a team ember, said.

The enquiry team have held eetings with chief constables d one member is to visit the olice Staff College at ramshill, Hampshire, which ains all senior officers. He will explain their proposals for fixed-term contracts, a streamlined rank structure and pay related to performance.

When the report was published, members were encouraged by Michael Howard, the home secretary, to put forward their case. One Home Office official said there was concern that there would be loud police opposition and the enquiry's case would go by default.

Since the summer the team has intensified its efforts, after becoming alarmed that the amount of opposition from all sections of the police was obscuring the arguments.

"All these people who describe themselves as intelligent men with integrity suddenly become gutter scrappers in defending their position," Mr Caines said.

The members deny that they have been forced on to the defensive, but it is clear they are worried that the publicity surrounding mass police rallies has overshadowed their recommendations. "The Police Federation rallies received a lot of coverage. We are lucky to get a 25-second sound bite," Mr Caines said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baby boy abandoned in woods

olice have issued a descrip-ion of a woman they believe to he mother of a baby found bandoned in a plastic bag. he was seen clutching her tomach and in evident pain s she entered a cafe in Corby, Northamptonshire, with a tall oung man. The baby boy, ound 50 yards away in a ood, is being nursed at Kettering General Hospital.

The woman is described as 8, 5ft tall and plump, with lack hair curled in at the neck and parted in the centre. She was wearing a black leather jacket and a long blue patterned skirt.

No charge

An assault charge against a headmaster has been dropped. Two weeks ago Robert Brown, 49, was found not guilty of indecent assault on the same 12-year-old girl at Pates grammar school, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Nelson sale

A 1779 letter from Nelson is expected to fetch £2,000 and another from Lady Hamilton up to £400 at an auction in Gotham, Nottinghamshire, next month.

Bomber found

The wreck of an RAF bomber that crashed off Malta in 1942 has been identified from a shoe brush traced to the pilot, retired Squadron Leader Ernest Moody.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly Premium Bond draw are: £100,000, bond number 77BF 174312, holder from Lincolnshire (value of holding £1,200); £50,000, 25PP 332225, Gwynedd (£1,162); £25,000, 33BB 993582, Glasgow (£1,005).

Teachers criticise spending on CTCs

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A TEACHERS' union accused ministers today of extravagance in funding the city technology colleges programme, which is to be extended to a new range of schools this morning.

A report by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers said the 15 existing city technology colleges had received £120 million in public funds for 15,150 pupils. The government had hoped that "all or a substantial part" of capital costs spent on buildings and equipment would be met by business sponsors, but they provided only £30 million.

The colleges, sited mainly in urban areas to provide top-quality teaching in science and technology, were to have been one of the main elements of the Tories' education reform. But a shortage of sponsorship forced ministers to reduce the programme.

John Patten, the education secretary, is expected to revive the concept today with the announcement of up to £25 million for a new type of technology college. Grants are expected to be limited to grant-maintained or voluntary aided schools with business sponsors and the ability to specialise in mathematics, science and technology.

Peter Smith, the ATL's general secretary, said ministers should aim to raise standards in science and technology at all schools, not a chosen few.

The education department said the true figure for business sponsorship was £35 million, and the cost of opening the 15 colleges had been no more than the average for local authority schools.

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Islanders press sculptor to redesign Jersey liberation statue


BARBARA PITMAN

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

PLANS for a £150,000 sculpture to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Jersey's liberation from Nazi rule have been altered after islanders protested that the original design was grim and lacked drama.

More than 200 people signed a petition protesting that the design by the artist Philip Jackson, above, who created the Falklands war memorial, did nothing to reflect the sense of jubilation when British troops landed after five years of occupation.

A rough-cast of the sculpture showed a family releasing five doves. It was to be unveiled in Liberation Square in St Helier in 1995. But polls have shown that up to 85 per cent of the population opposed the sculpture. Many islanders felt that the design was too drab. One letter in the *Jersey Evening Post* wanted the design to show a soldier trampling on a swastika.

Supporters of the sculpture say that the statue was meant to symbolise 50 years of peace rather than five years of war and that more aggressive images might alienate German tourists.

The controversy has meant that the Public Sculpture Trust, which hoped to fund the sculpture by public subscription, has raised only £16,000. The rest will have to be paid for by the taxpayer, as the Jersey parliament, the States, has underwritten the project. Mr Jackson has agreed to a new design of a family group surrounding a man raising a flag, including a plaque dedicated to the liberating forces.

Mackay urged to reform appointments system

Barristers challenge QC secrecy

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADING barristers are launching a campaign to end the secret system by which members of the Bar are chosen on the advice of the Lord Chancellor for promotion to the ranks of Queen's Counsel.

A motion urging reform to open up the way QCs — or silks — are appointed each year is being tabled at the Bar's annual meeting on October 30 and is expected to win wide support.

Approval of the motion would probably lead to a committee being set up. It would put proposals for change to Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor. The motion will be tabled by one of the Bar's leading reformers, Robin de Wilde QC, who has asked barristers to produce, in confidence, examples of "the iniquities of the present system".

Mr de Wilde, who became a QC this year, said: "I am now in a position to help other people who may not be being treated properly. The whole system needs to be made more open. It depends on patronage: Gareth Williams QC (now Lord Williams of Mostyn, a former Bar chairman) described the system as the Franz Kafka school of business management."

Few barristers dare voice criticism of the system until their position is secured either as a QC or as a judge. Lord Williams, now a Labour legal affairs spokesman in the Lords, last year called it "deeply flawed".

About one tenth of the practising Bar are QCs or silks. Taking silk, so-called because the barristers are then entitled to wear a silk gown, is the badge of seniority within the profession: it is the passport to hugely increased earnings, usually in six figures.

Many more apply than are chosen and no reasons are given for rejection although in principle disappointed candidates may seek advice from officials. The suitability or otherwise of a barrister is gleaned by officials from judicial comments and from Bar leaders, and retained on a file that is not open for scrutiny. Names are then forwarded to the Queen by the Lord Chancellor.

Last year, Lord Williams said that current procedures "caused an enormous amount of distress and anxiety" to those applying. The system, in which promotion within a self-regulating profession depended on a government department, was so extraordinary that it needed no exaggeration.

Lord Mackay is expected to defend the system in a letter to the next issue of the Bar magazine, *Counsel*. A spokesman said the system was "as open as possible while preserving confidentiality of the views expressed about candidates". Officials needed to know "about a candidate's personal skills and also their standing within the legal community as a whole".

The competition for silk is acute: this year there were 470 applications, of which 70 were successful. Success of an application is not just on merit; it depends on the numbers of QCs needed in any one year (the proportion is kept roughly constant).

There is also concern that too few women apply despite repeated exhortations by Lord Mackay that they should do so. Women make up just over 5 per cent of all QCs.

One proposal for reform is that the system should move towards an open advertisement system, with the number of vacancies published and possibly interviews conducted.

Another is that instead of being dependent on what have been called "unattributable judicial whispers", the prime minister, not the Lord Chancellor, should forward recommended names to the Queen. The recommended names should be put to the prime minister by a panel of senior members of the profession, not drawn up by officials.

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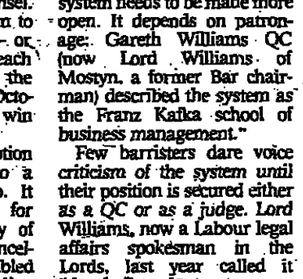
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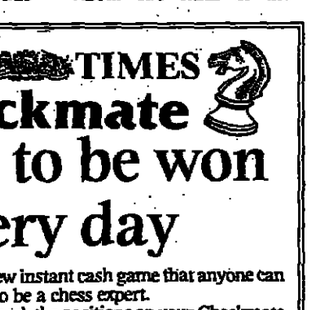
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Challenger paralysed by the power of Kasparov's mind

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT



WHAT we are witnessing after nine games of *The Times* World Chess Championship is the tragedy of a powerful mind, that of Nigel Short, transfixed and paralysed by a great one, Garry Kasparov's.

This phenomenon is nothing new. Nine years ago in Moscow's Hall of Columns, Kasparov's first challenge for the world crown against Anatoly Karpov was faltering. Kasparov had then scored just five draws with four losses and no wins, uncannily foreshadowing Short's performance so far (four draws, five losses and also no wins).

In virtually every game in London, a glorious opportunity has presented itself, yet Short's mind has frozen over.

The worst case of all was Saturday's ninth game. Short repeated his Nimzo-Indian Defence of game five, but this time it was he rather than Kasparov who fell behind on the clock as the champion revealed the fruits of his new preparation. On move 12 Short was so perplexed that he thought for 45 minutes.

However, a couple of careless decisions on move 43 and 45 let Short in with a chance, but Short overlooked an opportunity on move 46 to force a simple draw. Champion and challenger were shell-shocked when this possibility was revealed to them after the game.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Qc2	d5
5	cxd5	exd5
6	Bg5	h6
7	Bh4	c5
8	dxc5	g5
9	Bg3	Ne4
10	e3	Qa5
11	Nge2	
41	Bd5	Kd6
42	Rh5	Rd2
43	Rxh1	

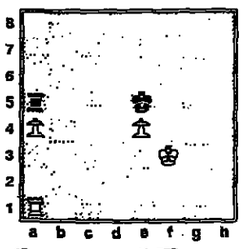
Short: "This makes life more difficult for Kasparov. Correct is 43 e4 Nf2 44 Ke3 Rb2 45 Rh6+."

43	...	Rxd5
44	a4	Ra5
45	Ra1	

"This move by Kasparov is a blunder which, amazingly, lets me draw. Kasparov could probably have won with 45 Rd1+ followed by Rd4."

45	...	Ke5
46	e4	

Kasparov: "Now Short could have played 46 ... Rc5. It makes a draw. This was a miracle."



46	...	Ke6??

Short: "I played this move quickly, already mentally resigned to losing. I wasn't thinking. Just imagine the blow to Kasparov's morale if I had found the move 46 ... Rc5!! which forces a draw.

"The main line is as follows: 46 ... Rc5 47 a5 Rc3+ 48 Kg4 Kxe4 49 a6 Rc8 50 a7 Ra8 51 Ra5 Kd4 52 Kf5 Kc4 53 Ke6 Kb4 54 Ra1 Kc5 55 Kd7 Kb6 56 Rb1+ Kc5 57 Rb7 Rh8."

47	Ke3	Kd6
48	Kd4	Kd7
49	Kc4	Kc6
50	Kb4	Re5
51	Rc1+	Kb6
52	Rc4	resigns

Kasparov: "We are playing to the last pawn here as opposed to those miserable efforts in Amsterdam. Nigel has had plenty of chances so far and he will have plenty of chances to come. I am playing open chess, it's exciting and it's fun."

Winning move, page 44

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Union change of heart raises Smith's hopes

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR IN BRIGHTON

JOHN Smith's chances of securing his Labour party reforms improved last night after leaders of the public employees' union Nupe decided to support rule changes to introduce the practice of one member one vote.

The party leader's supporters were jubilant at Nupe's decision to support the rule change, together with the health union Cohse — which now, with Nupe and the non-Labour affiliated local government union Nalgo, forms the giant public service union Unison. They believe it is likely that other unions will follow suit at delegation meetings today and tomorrow at the party conference in Brighton.

The proportion of votes specifically committed to the rule change is still a minority — the Nupe and Cohse decision takes it to about 24 per cent. However, the effect of the left-led Nupe falling in behind Mr Smith is to increase the likelihood of unions which *yesterday moved to support a* compromise proposal from Nupe and the RMT rail union going a stage further and fully supporting Mr Smith.

After a day of union delegation meetings yesterday in advance of the opening of the conference, support grew for the RMT-Nupe compromise. The motion, which Labour sources suggested had been drafted with the close co-operation of Mr Smith's office, provides a fall-back position if his proposals fail to win sufficient support.

Calculations by differing *unions and Labour party* officials put the gap between those unions supporting the compromise — which has the support of Mr Smith and the party executive — to those opposing Omov as only a few percentage points.

A range of primarily right-wing unions is supporting the RMT-Nupe compromise, including the AEEU engineering workers, the Usdaw shopworkers, the UCW postal workers and the ISTC steelworkers. Together they comprise almost 30 per cent of the votes available at the party conference.

A number of mainly left-led unions — though they also include the centre-ground GMB general union — are supporting two resolutions from the TGWU transport workers, led by Bill Morris, and the GMB, led by John Edmonds — which by themselves wield 16 and 12.4 per cent of the entire conference votes respectively.

Both motions maintain the role in parliamentary selections of union members who pay the political levy. Unions supporting this include the mineworkers led by Arthur Scargill, the GPMU printers, the construction union Ucatt and the MSF technical union. Together their conference votes amount to just over 38 per cent of the total.

The balance is held by Labour's 650 local constituency parties — once bastions of the left but now much more inclined to support the party leadership.

Labour party estimates of the level of support from the constituencies varied yesterday, though all sides accept that the pro-Omov vote in the constituencies will be high. Mr Smith's supporters were suggesting that the constituency voting was about 2-1 in favour of Omov, which would probably be just enough, together with some smaller unions and affiliated socialist groups, to tip the scales in favour of the RMT-Nupe compromise.

However, some Labour sources were suggesting that the constituency voting could be tighter, at about 6-4 in favour of Omov — which might still give the TGWU-GMB group the edge.

UNTIL the last election, unions had up to 40 per cent of the vote in the selection of candidates. Mr Smith wants their formal role to be abolished. Instead he has suggested a "levy-plus" system under which unionists who pay the £1.50 political levy to Labour could become members at a cut-price rate of £3 and thus to be entitled to vote on all key party decisions.

CHRIS HARRIS



John Edmonds, GMB leader, in Brighton yesterday, remains firmly against John Smith's reforms

A new leadership by the people and for the people

*In the second of a series on politics and leadership, **Vernon Bogdanor** argues that the weakness lies in political parties*

Strong leaders do not generally flourish under democratic rule. For, as Robert Skidelsky has noticed, voters display a profound ambivalence about leadership. They may call for it again and again, and yet strong leaders are "a constant affront to their egalitarian sensibilities". Perhaps that is why strong leaders are so unsuccessful at winning elections.

In Britain, the big winners, with the conspicuous exception of Margaret Thatcher, have generally been far from striking or charismatic personalities — Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in 1906, Stanley Baldwin in 1924 and Clement Attlee in 1945.

Our two greatest 20th century leaders — Lloyd George and Churchill — would probably never have won power under normal conditions. They were propelled into office as men who could win the war, and were rapidly discarded once they had done so.

But why would democracies need leaders? Democracy, after all, has been defined as a form of government in which it is the people, not the leaders, who rule. Yet today it is only in Switzerland that the role of the people corresponds at all closely to this condition. Elsewhere voters are restricted to endorsing or vetoing decisions already made for them by their political leaders.

But what has this got to do with true democracy? We are free, Rousseau insisted, only when we decide for ourselves. When others decide for us, we are no longer free. So it is that representation has come to replace democracy.

Under modern conditions, a representative system is unlikely to produce leaders of vision or authority. The prime skills needed to climb the party ladder are a studied ambiguity of utterance and a façade of generalised goodwill. Harold Macmillan in 1957 and John Major in 1990 won power because they were thought to combine the robustness of the right with the social conscience of the left. In 1975, Margaret Thatcher was wise enough to hide her ideological credentials.

The Times Essay

In the Labour party, with its complex mechanisms of party democracy, effective leadership has become even more difficult. Until recently at least, the main skill required of any Labour leader was to straddle a coalition of incompatibles. There have been two main patterns. The first, that of Ramsay MacDonald in 1922, Attlee in 1935, Harold Wilson in 1963 and Neil Kinnock in 1983, was to pose as the candidate of the left, the better to emasculate it once elected. The second pattern, that of Gaitskell and Callaghan, was to rise by using the trade unions as a power base. Such a leader, however, is always in danger of becoming a prisoner of those who put him there.

It is a paradox that Labour, which seeks to change the world, finds it so difficult to generate strong leadership. For socialism is the last of the world's great secular religions. How can it succeed when its leaders no longer believe in it?

The key, then, to the weakness of democratic leadership in Britain, and in other European democracies also, lies in our political parties, their structure, organisation and ideology. For political parties are the main vehicle of representation in the modern world. Yet the parties of today are the product not of modern times but of 19th century conditions. They are but the remnants of intellectual and social movements of a hundred years ago, and they remain rooted to the ground where the ebbing energy of these movements have deposited them.

On the main issues which agitate the polity — the future of the welfare state, the proper mix between public expenditure and taxation and the future of the European Community — the old ideologies are of little help. It is little wonder that leaders find it so difficult to lead for fear of alienating their followers. "I am their leader. I must follow them." That is the true voice of modern party leadership.

The *forms* of party government remain intact, but the electoral *forces* which gave them life have atrophied. In the Western democracies, fewer and fewer electors believe that they "belong" to a political party by virtue of their social class or religion. Since the 1960s there have been signs of a glacially slow yet unmistakable dissolution of traditional political alignments. This has not led to any new realignments such as occurred in Britain with Labour's election victory in 1945 and in the United States in 1932 when Roosevelt's New Deal triumphed at the polls. Perhaps such realignments are no longer possible in a media age. For the media emphasise personality rather than ideology, and they have themselves contributed to the undermining of party.

Social changes in the Western democracies have also threatened traditional party alignments. The spread of ownership of property, shares and other assets has diffused power and undermined party loyalties. There has been an increasing emphasis on consumerism and choice in both public and private services. It would be unrealistic to expect that these changes will not also have consequences in the political sphere. The fundamental consequence is likely to be the transformation of party democracy into a more participatory model, a democracy of public opinion.

In Britain, until 1867, Parliament lay at the centre of the political universe. As late as 1879 Gladstone was able to claim that the supremacy of the Commons was "the cardinal axiom" of the constitution. Yet he was writing when parliamentary government was gradually giving way to party government. Now, at the end of the 20th century, party government in turn may be gradually and painfully giving way to a new form of democracy in which public opinion rather than party loyalty plays the central role. Of course, political parties in some form are essential to democracy, for there is no way of creating a political majority without the aid of party. Yet, if parties are essential to democracy, it does not follow that tightly organised mass parties of the type to which we have become accustomed are equally essential.

Many of the traditional functions of parties, indeed, have been rendered redundant by modern technological developments and advances in survey techniques. In an age of direct mail and opinion surveys, what purpose do local canvassers serve? When party leaders can reach out directly to their supporters, what function remains for party members? The memberships of the Conservative and Labour parties peaked in the early 1950s before the age of television. Why, today, should anyone spend their spare time in party activities? For, as Oscar Wilde noticed, one of the main objections to socialism was that it took up too many evenings.

It is, then, in the organisation of the parties themselves that the barrier to effective political leadership lies. Should not our parties confine themselves to the very basic functions of selecting candidates and fighting elections so that they come to resemble in this respect American political parties?

How is this transformation to be achieved? It is likely to come about, albeit slowly, of its own accord, since it corresponds so closely with the trends of the times. But the process can be hastened by institutional reforms whose purpose is to make parties more representative of the realities of public opinion. That is the basic argument for electoral reform and a wider use of referendums so that political decisions can be made by the people rather than the political class.

Such a system of public opinion democracy would not only be more conducive to the emergence of strong leadership. It would also enable the people themselves to become leaders. In a democracy that is, surely, the only form of leadership that is, in the last resort, tolerable. Otherwise, leadership, as Churchill found in 1945, generates its own antidote. "Every hero", Emerson declared, "becomes a bore at last."

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One year on, Labour's Maastricht rebel returns to fray with attack on policies

Gould stakes claim to a role in party

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRYAN Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet last year over Maastricht, yesterday broadened his assault on Labour's economic policy and accused the party leadership of being "brain dead".

At a meeting of the Labour Common Market safeguards committee, Mr Gould, calling for John Smith to adopt a full employment policy, said: "I believe the Labour party on this issue is to all intents and purposes brain dead." He also called on Labour to protect social security spending, if necessary by raising taxation.

Despite his resignation at last year's party conference, Mr Gould still has high political ambitions and intends to stand for the shadow cabinet next year. Although he made it clear at a fringe meeting yesterday that he would continue attacking the Labour leadership over economic policy, he is clearly frustrated after his 12-month spell in the political wilderness.

In an interview with *The Times* he said he had no regrets about resigning last September but he missed the day-to-day political activity of the shadow cabinet. "If there was a Labour government and I wasn't a member of it I would have some regrets."

He expects John Smith to lead the party into the next general election and predicted that Tony Blair rather than Gordon Brown would succeed him. Eighteen months ago, Mr Brown would have had a higher chance, but his position had been weakened by his economic strategy.

Mr Gould said that it was unlikely he would ever lead the party, but has ambitions to be shadow Chancellor or to hold a senior economic post. He argued that he would find it difficult to take another slot because he would still want to speak out about the economy and would, under collective shadow cabinet responsibility, be forbidden from doing so.

He intends to stand for the shadow cabinet next year, provided Mr Smith has taken on some of his ideas, such as full employment. While that sounds brazen, Mr Gould is convinced that Mr Smith is coming round to his Keynesian views. He points to Mr Smith's speech to the TUC in Brighton where he supported full employment and indicated that interest rates, exchange rates and public spending could be used to obtain that goal.

His gripe is no longer over Maastricht as he cannot believe that Labour will maintain its commitment to the exchange-rate mechanism and a central bank after the collapse of the ERM.

Mr Gould insists that a number of MPs would support his return to the shadow cabinet. But many will never forgive him for embarassing the party last year. MPs are also suspicious of his criticism of the leadership, given his former role as one of the party's foremost modernisers, when he was campaign co-ordinator in 1987. He has also been inconsistent over his support for the trade union reforms, probably in an attempt to play to two different galleries. While Mr Gould, from the party's left, advocated one member one vote during the leadership elections, earlier this summer he put his signature to an advertisement in *Tribune* opposing the reforms. He argued that at the time the leadership was trying to drive a wedge between the party and the unions.

Now he cautiously supports Mr Smith's levy-plus proposal — while criticising his negotiating skills — agreeing that all those who vote for a parliamentary candidate should be a member of the party.

This week Mr Gould, who is speaking at six fringe meetings and plans to intervene in the debate on the economy, will keep up his assault on Labour's policy of waiting for the opposition to lose.

He suggested that Mr Smith and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, were in danger of stripping party policy of anything distinctively Labour. Referring indirectly to Mr Brown's recent comments that Labour would not penalise the wealthy and would cut spending if necessary, he said: "Our trade mark is thought to be a loser. I think that is wrong. We should be saying that there is a powerful case for redistributive taxation."

He urged Mr Smith to adopt a more redistributive tax policy than the shadow Budget of 1992 by hitting the top 10 per cent of earners harder and ensuring that those on £20,000 are not penalised. He also called for a £10 billion increase in public borrowing to fund better public services, a comprehensive housing programme and a full employment policy.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



Bryan Gould, frustrated after a year in the wilderness, broadens his attack on the party leadership

Brown demands higher tax rates for the wealthy

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON Brown was embroiled in further controversy over Labour's economic policy last night by insisting that the party was prepared to increase taxes on the rich and spend more if necessary.

In a move aimed at appeasing his internal critics, the shadow Chancellor said that Labour was still committed to redistributing wealth and that those who earned more would pay more. In a distinct shift of tone from recent speeches aimed at dispelling Labour's high-tax, high-spending image, Mr Brown said tax gains made by the rich in the 1980s Budgets were indefensible and would be reversed.

On the eve of the critical economic debate at Brighton the shadow Chancellor also launched a new document calling for full employment. Responding to critics from the left who have accused him of abandoning basic Labour ideals, Mr Brown said Labour would narrow the gap between the rich and the poor.

He also said he would be prepared to increase public borrowing to fund investment programmes which met specific criteria such as creating jobs. However, party officials moved swiftly later to counter speculation that Mr Brown was planning to levy punitive direct taxes on the rich.

Officials pointed out that the shadow Chancellor had already set out a number of measures to raise £8 billion, including a windfall tax on public utilities and the long-term retention of stamp duty. In his interview, however, Mr Brown said other options included imposing a minimum tax rate for the very rich and changing tax allowances.

Over the past few weeks Mr Brown has been attacked by David Blunkett, Bryan Gould and John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, over his comments that he would not penalise the wealthy and would cut spending where it was wasteful. His remarks have also been widely criticised within the constituencies and could today threaten his seat on the national executive.

Outlining his agenda for the 1990s yesterday, Mr Brown said that Labour should reassert its lasting values: "Fairness, greater equality and an economy run in the interests of the community."

Speaking on the BBC television programme *On the Record*, he claimed that his critics had misunderstood his approach. The party still believed in progressive taxation and would reverse the gains made by the rich in the 1980s.

"The gains that were made by a very small number of people over the last 14 years ... are quite indefensible," he said. The top 5 per cent had gained 50 per cent over that period, he said. "We will reverse the gap between rich and poor that has affected our society. If you're too poor to pay income tax, you shouldn't have to do so. But if you have the money, the progressive principle will apply."

He refused to give specific tax rates but said the principle was that people should pay their fair share. He was not against wealth but wanted everyone to be richer.

On the same programme Baroness Castle, the veteran Labour politician, attacked the party's modernisers for trying to win on the negative. She claimed that the party leadership was attempting to model Labour as closely as possible on the Tories.

Mr Brown is expected to come under further attack during today's economic debate over the VAT on domestic fuel. After a stormy debate at yesterday's pre-conference national executive committee meeting, the executive said it would oppose a motion calling for the VAT increases to be repealed. The executive will initially call for the motion to be remitted but will oppose it if this is not accepted.

Earlier Mr Brown unveiled a new plan to waive national insurance contributions for companies which gave jobs to the long-term unemployed.

Launching the pamphlet *How can we conquer unemployment*, Mr Brown said rebuilding the work skills of the long-term unemployed should be a policy priority.

Outlining a ten-point plan, Mr Brown condemned proposals to cut government spending which he warned would result in "a downward spiral of lower growth, lower investment and persistent deficits".

Left rejects reform

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Labour left gave a foretaste of the bitter struggle facing the party leadership with an uncompromising rejection of John Smith's proposals for reforming links with the unions. At a pre-conference rally held in Brighton yesterday by the hard left Campaign for Labour Party Democracy there were also calls for Mr Smith to resign if the resolution on the union block vote is lost by the leadership on Wednesday.

Dennis Skinner, the Labour MP for Bolsover, said that if Mr Smith was threatening to quit over the issue, his advice would be: "Get on with it."

Speakers, including Ken Livingstone, the MP for Brent East, nodded and smiled when one delegate said to prolonged applause that the campaign *should* support calls for Mr Smith's resignation if traditionalist unions won Wednesday's vote.



Skinner: "resign" advice to the party leader

Mr Skinner said the party leadership wanted "to discard the trade union movement so we can get in bed with the Liberals. Well I ain't travelling down that road."

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Twentieth century Noah's Ark proves a good place to slim

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR, AND BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

LOOKING pale, emaciated and mightily relieved, eight men and women emerged from a vast glass bubble in the middle of the Arizona desert yesterday, having survived two years sealed up in the late 20th century version of Noah's Ark.

The "Biosphere Two" experiment, in which the four men and four women (two of them British) sought to build and then exist within an artificial ecosystem, proved to be almost as ambitious, controversial and problematic as Noah's original project.

The "Biospherians" who emerged yesterday have proved the obvious: if you live on a near-starvation diet you lose weight. Your cholesterol level falls, your blood pressure drops and you feel very hungry. "I'd go to bed hungry. I'd get up hungry. I'd be hungry at the end of a meal," Jane Poynter, one British Biospherian, said. "We just couldn't grow enough."

As they waited to emerge from the three-acre greenhouse in Arizona, the eight were dreaming of chocolate, cheesecake, wine, cheese and crackers — anything but the sweet potatoes, beans, split peas, cereal grains, bananas and figs that have made up their basic diet for the past two years. For a treat, they had carrot and banana cake and homemade rice wine.



Poynter: "We could not grow enough"

The two-year experiment was not designed as a crash diet, but nature so decreed. For the first six months the crew got an average of 1,780 calories a day, well down from the 2,500 they had planned. Dr Roy Walford, at 69 the oldest crew member, encouraged them by pointing out how much good it was doing them, claiming that if they kept it up they might live to be 120. He has warned them, now they are out, not to go on a binge: "I think people ought not to jump into a big steak," he said.

The project's organisers, Space Biospheres Ventures, financed by Edward Bass, a Texan billionaire, are putting the best face on a project that has had its share of setbacks. The glasshouse, intended to be a sealed environment where the crew would thrive on unpolluted air and raise crops in a closed organic cycle, turned out to rely on electricity from the outside. The air was cleaned by a carbon dioxide "scrubber" and oxygen had to be pumped in when levels fell and left the crew gasping for breath.

Bees and hummingbirds died and mites relentlessly munched the crops. The pigs ate some of the chickens and had to be killed. The rest of the chickens refused to lay. Jane Poynter's skin came out in orange blotches from the beta carotene in the sweet potatoes, one of the few crops the insects didn't destroy.

Without pesticides or predators the crew used hairdryers to blast the insects from the plants. Then the scientific advisory committee fell out with the management and resigned. Despite this, the crew have broken records for living in a closed system, produced about 80 per cent of their food and emerged in reasonable health. Eight humans and several thousand species of plants did survive and the systems for recycling waste and water worked. Although short of oxygen, for reasons that are not yet fully understood, the air in Biosphere Two remained healthy.



The Biosphere Two complex in the Arizona desert, home of eight "Biospherians" who emerged thinner and wiser after two years

Serious scientists prepared to give the Biospherians the benefit of the doubt include Dr Ghillean Prance, director of Kew Gardens, who served on the scientific panel. He resigned with the committee in February, but refused to condemn the experiment. Dr Gerry Soffen of the US space agency Nasa, another member of the panel, said that the managers had heeded advice to stop hiding things and covering up deficiencies.

Dr John Corliss, also of Nasa, joined the project as Director of Research, easing criticisms that the whole experiment owed more to showbiz and survivalist cults than to science.

"By constructing the world's biggest test tube, we sought to revolutionise global ecology, transforming a descriptive science into an experimental science," he says.

To the big question, the crew remain coy. Were there romances or rows inside the great greenhouse? "On the inter-personal relationship side," said Sally Silverstone, 38, from Essex, "we decided that because we are in a high-profile position we were entitled to some privacy, so we weren't going to discuss our relationships".

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What are dreams for, if not to come true?

Lockerbie bomb suspects want Switzerland trial

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE two Libyan agents suspected of the Lockerbie airliner bombing are willing to stand trial in Switzerland, their Libyan lawyer, Ibrahim Legwell, said yesterday.

The two men could not expect a fair trial in America and Britain, he said, apparently ruling out their handover to those countries before an October 1 deadline for increased UN sanctions on Libya.

"But there is nothing to prevent such a fair trial in Switzerland," he said. He had informed the Swiss, British and US governments of the decision, he added. A senior Western diplomat, based in Tripoli, said the proposal was a new manoeuvre to gain time.

Lester Coleman, an American agent who has been in hiding in Sweden for more than two years, makes fresh accusations in a book published today about the Lockerbie bomb investigation, alleging that evidence has been manipulated to serve political ends.

Coleman, 50, who worked for the Pentagon's Defence Intelligence Agency, has been on the run from the American authorities since claiming that an official drugs "sting" operation was to blame for the sequence of events that led to the destruction of the Pan Am airliner flight 103 in December 1988, killing 270 people. He alleged that the US Drugs Enforcement Administration was running a series of "controlled" deliveries of Lebanese heroin through Frankfurt and London airports, en route to America, to try to catch drugs barons in American cities.

He claimed that a case containing heroin was on the Pan Am flight, and said that terrorists knew of the secret shipment and switched the bagful of drugs with an identical case containing a bomb.

Coleman's allegations have been vigorously denied by the American authorities and last week he was charged in his absence on eight counts of perjury, relating to an affidavit that he made to Pan Am two years ago.

In the book, *Trail of the Octopus*, jointly written with Donald Goddard, Coleman also claims that his former employers knew everything about the Beirut hostages in the early stages of their ordeal.

Nothing was done for fear of exposing a network of agents in Lebanon run by Tony Asmar, a Lebanese businessman who, Coleman claims, was paid to monitor the Muslim radical groups supported by Iran and Syria, and also to keep track of the Western hostages.

Pentagon intelligence chiefs knew where Terry Waite and the other Western hostages were being held in Lebanon soon after they were kidnapped, but they decided not to take any action.

Hair-splitting mars contest

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

Behind the smiles, Miss America pageants can be dark, treacherous occasions. This year's competition, it appears, was no exception. No sooner had Kimberly Aiken of South Carolina proudly donned the crown than allegations of double-dealing began to emerge.

Miss Aiken, it was alleged, had not styled her own hair. By the standards of previous competitions this was no sin at all, and small armies of hairdressers have traditionally descended on Atlantic City, where the competition is held, in fragrant hoards.

This year was to be different, however. The organisers announced last July that contestants would not only have their own views on the environment and Bosnia, they would be doing their own hair and make-up. But some contestants, it is now alleged, smuggled stylists into their hotel bedrooms during the competition, held on September 18, and were crimped and sculpted by professionals.

"Miss America did not do her own hair and many other contestants had hairdressers," Gail Sanders, hair consultant to Miss Carolina, claims. Mrs Sanders's husband, Joe, is president of the National Association of Miss America State Pageants and a power in Miss America circles, so the allegations are being taken seriously.

The accusers acknowledge that a letter was sent to contestants by the Miss America organising body, saying that personal stylists could work on their charges but only out of sight in their hotel rooms. Instead of wearing "Hairdresser" badges, the covert beauticians had to call themselves "Special Services".

Hairdressers have responded angrily to the notion that they had been expected to carry out their craft in secret. "To make out that the girls are going to be natural and do their own hair and make-up, it just kind of puts us down," said one, Jeannette Hughes. "We feel like we really got stabbed in the back. We were there working our butts off."

The organisers, and Miss Aiken, have refused to comment on the allegations.

Beauty, of course, is in the eye of the beholder and purists may argue that the end product is more important than the process. In the fiercely volatile world of competetive beauty, however, there is no such thing as splitting hairs.

As international sanctions are lifted, **R. W. Johnson** looks at a threat to future South African unity

Secession of strategic Natal could be price of snub to Buthelezi

President de Klerk met John Major in London last night to seek investment and a declaration from Britain to lift all remaining sanctions. The International Monetary Fund is already considering a loan to South Africa of about $850 million (£567 million), final details of which will be worked out when sanctions have been finally lifted.



Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, appealing to supporters in Stanger, Natal, for funds to set up legal armed units to protect Zulus

MANY in South Africa believe that Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, together with his allies on the white right and Bophuthatswana and the Ciskei), can torpedo any deal the government makes before the elections in April.

There is, in government and African National Congress circles, many a backward look at the beginning of talks in 1990, with a belated realisation of how foolish it was then to keep Chief Buthelezi, the leader of the predominantly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, at arm's length. As one of the legal experts at the constitutional talks put it to me: "We should have made him feel part of the whole planning process. Instead [Nelson] Mandela [the African National Congress president] treated him like a leper, while the government was more worried about conciliating the ANC than about that insult to Buthelezi. As a result Buthelezi himself never attended the constitutional talks. Now we're all paying for that lack of commitment". Certainly, it is an ironic sight to see ANC radicals, who once insisted there could be no talks with Chief Buthelezi, now demanding that he return to the talks with them. If Inkatha cannot achieve a satisfactorily federal deal then it could carry out its threat to boycott the April 27 elections or use mass action to attempt to prevent them being held. Both courses seem unlikely: they would split Inkatha, which includes many moderate, nay conservative, elements who would be horrified at such confrontational tactics, and the elections would go ahead anyway, though amid violence. In Inkatha's absence, the ANC would easily win Natal. Chief Buthelezi would lose his base and his party would thus pay a high price and still suffer disaster.

Secession would, at that point, be a more logical choice: Inkatha would pay a high price for that too but it would at least be in pursuit of a great prize. An independent Natal, seven-tenths the size of England, with the two biggest ports in Africa, a considerable industrial base, coal, sugar, timber and plentiful water, could well become a fast-growing part of the Indian Ocean rim, assuming that it could gain international recognition and that law and order were restored. But secession would, at the minimum, mean a bloody showdown with Natal's large local ANC, and probably with forces from the rest of South Africa as well. Inkatha's military capabilities are by no means certain to be equal to such a task, and the loss of life could well be huge. It is, though, important to realise that a military showdown of some kind in Natal probably cannot be avoided. Chief Buthelezi is prone to begin any meeting by listing, with bitterness, the 300-odd Inkatha officials who have been assassinated in recent times. Whatever the ANC says, there seems little doubt that this is the result of programmed hit-squad activity far greater than even the security police got up to in the bad old days. Already the ANC has more of its guerrillas in Natal than elsewhere in South Africa. They and their Inkatha counterparts are full of talk about how their opponents are using such muscle to intimidate residents and create no-go areas. Moreover, the concentration of Zulus on the Reef means that if Natal blows up, the East Rand townships will explode. There is word that the ANC, anticipating this, has already agreed to support Mr de Klerk in declaring a state of emergency if need be.

Departing UN chief pleads for Cambodia

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

THE ambitious and expensive United Nations operation in Cambodia, which against all predictions organised free elections in which almost 90 per cent of voters participated, ended yesterday with the departure of its Japanese leader, Yasushi Akashi.

He urged the UN and the international community not to forget Cambodia. Mr Akashi, 62, said that the people had accomplished a historic task in conducting general elections, despite the threat of attacks from the Khmer Rouge, but he added that rehabilitation was only beginning and the roots of democracy had yet to develop properly.

The UN under secretary-general left two days after Norodom Sihanouk resumed the Cambodian monarchy and signed into law a new constitution prepared by members of a constituent assembly elected last May under the protection of 22,000 UN troops.

The UN, in addition to overseeing the elections, brought back almost half a million Cambodians from camps along the Thai border where they had been languishing for 13 years.

Bustards protected from royal predators

BY STEPHEN TAYLOR

THE international squeeze on hunting for sport tightened further yesterday with the introduction by two countries of bans protecting some of the less glamorous creatures that face extinction.

Ethiopia imposed a total hunting ban to promote the recovery of species of ibex and fox which have been devastated by poaching and decades of civil war. Pakistan announced that it was to stop the falcon hunting of the rare houbara bustard by Arab princes.

Despite strong worldwide measures aimed at protecting animals such as the black and white rhino in Africa and tigers in Asia, it is still possible to shoot elephants, leopard and even polar bears, at a price. Depredation of lesser species often goes unrecorded.

The Ethiopian government said yesterday's measure was necessary because thousands of automatic weapons in the hands of rural people had affected rare species of ibex, a wild mountain goat.

Hunting the houbara bustard, which looks like a small turkey, has long been banned in Pakistan, but the government had granted many special permits to Arab royal families to hunt the bird.



Akebono, Hawaiian at top of Japanese sport

Sumo fans cheer a mighty fall

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

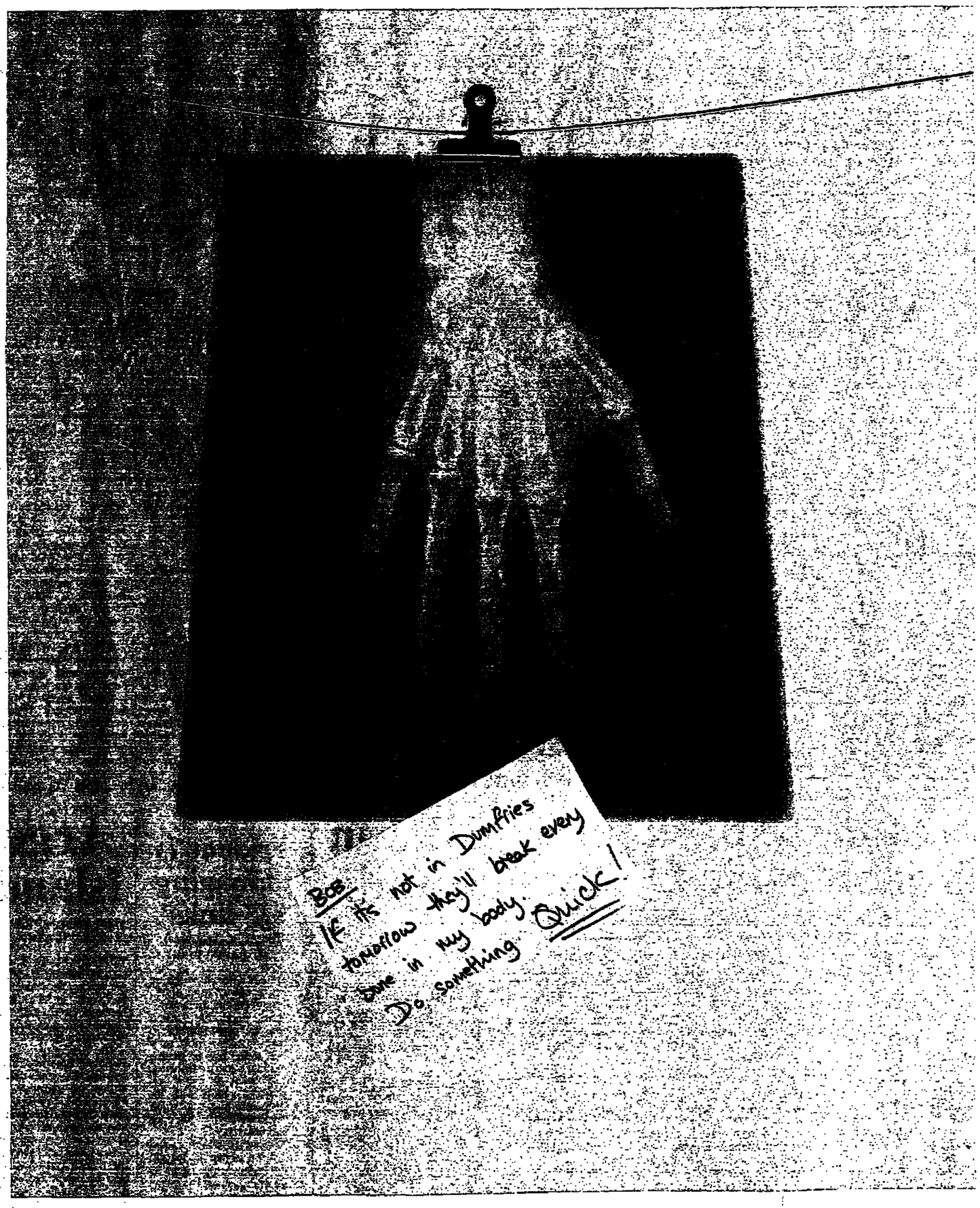
WHEN Akebono, the Hawaiian sumo grand champion, flew unceremoniously out of the ring, pudgy arms and legs akimbo, the audience and the proud ranks of the conservative Sumo Association rose to cheer and launch their cushions into the air. Akebono's defeat at the hands of Takanohana, a home-grown hero, had saved the ancient Japanese sport from losing another title to a foreigner.

Last night's bout, the last in the autumn grand sumo tournament, had given Akebono, whose score was 14-0 on Saturday, the chance to win undefeated, a feat achieved in recent memory only by Chiyonofuji, "the Wolf", the undisputed grandest of grand champions.

Although he lost yesterday, the Hawaiian was still far ahead of his rivals and last night was awarded his second tournament title as a *yokozuna* (grand champion). Akebono is the only foreigner ever to have attained this title, which was bestowed, some say reluctantly, by the slimmed down former wrestlers who control the secretive and formidably nationalistic Sumo Association.

Akebono seemed unconcerned with the thinly disguised relief at his defeat. Having offered a brief grunt of apology to the squashed occupant of the £400 front row seat, sumo's fattest fighter lumbered off to be hosed down, powdered and to have his top-knot primped.

Only one in roughly 300 makes the grade of titled wrestler, but the rewards are bountiful once there. As a *yokozuna*, Akebono will be making at least £5 million a year from corporate sponsorship, from endorsing rich election candidates and from television commercials.



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Russia's poor condemn savagery of capitalism


Goebbels: said West would pick on weakened Russia

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ST PETERSBURG

THEY stand in little knots on Nevsky Prospekt, the grandest street of the former imperial capital, down at heel, angry, the victims of President Yeltsin's reforms and what they call Russia's brand of "savage capitalism" now impoverishing millions.

"Do you know how much it costs me now?" asked an old woman, wagging her finger at a younger woman who dared to question the hardline nationalism and communist slogans plastering the fence behind her. "I cannot afford anything. Stalinism and socialism: at least they gave us something to eat." Another woman, her pinched face muffled in a woolly hat, pushed into the little group. "They're ruining the country. Before, bread was only 25 kopeks. The West likes Yeltsin because he sold out to them."

Her point was taken up by a man with metal teeth, a hard cold look and an angry edge to his voice. "It's like Goebbels said. The West just wants to pick on Russia once it's been weakened." The discussion grew heated. Shoes, costing two months' salary, were held up as evidence of the failure of reform. "The president is our new dictator. He's got the press in his hands. They don't say a word about our conditions," the hard-faced man insisted. "It's political and economic dictatorship. What about this constitution and democracy? He's just torn it up."

The argument goes on all day, just across the street from the newly-restored Grand Hotel, a magnificent and extraordinarily expensive haunt of Russia's *nouveaux riches* and wealthy foreign businessmen. The demonstrators nearby see it all as part of an overseas plot. Jews, liberals, Asians and West Europeans are all, in their view, out to destroy holy Russia.

The kiosks and makeshift stalls on the street are full of venomous publications. But not all are so embittered: even a mild-mannered former physics teacher shook his head sadly as he explained that with a pension of 20,000 roubles (£12) a month, he could barely afford to eat.

He and the hardline communists joined the call to demonstrate outside the city hall on St Isaac's Square yesterday morning. About 1,000 were there calling for a return of the old Soviet Union.

The slogans were reflected in graffiti on the walls of backstreets: "Yeltsin is a goat", "Yeltsin is beyond the law", and "Union yes, Yeltsin no!" Up to 400 have been turning up here every morning and evening since his decree dissolving parliament.

But most of the city has no time for their rantings nor indeed for any politics. There is a weariness with all that. Those doing well are too busy now searching the kiosks and privatised shops that sell the baubles of Western life or trawling the bigger shops for food, now freely available but expensive.

St Petersburg, resplendent in the golden autumn sunshine and myriad colours of its many trees and pastel-painted facades, is neither as bankrupt nor as dynamic as the detractors or supporters of reform insist. Nobody coming to this formerly spartan northern city a decade ago could imagine Nevsky Prospekt as it is today with bars, restaurants, stalls and spontaneous art shows that give an old-fashioned feel of bustle and success.

Where blatant propaganda disgraced the old Kazan cathedral, priests now pray. Several of the classical buildings have been restored to their former elegance though mostly as headquarters of Western companies. The city administration has found the money to start reparing tramlines.

Away from the bigger streets the sad decay is all too apparent: rusting drainpipes, crumbling balconies, magnificent art deco buildings from the turn of the century on the point of collapse. Inside the dark courtyards, behind the classical facades, the debris and junk of urban squalor is piled high.

As Mr Yeltsin's opponents rightly point out, the contrast today between rich and poor has rarely been as stark. Beggars have returned to Nevsky Prospekt, mothers in rags holding mute pallid children. The trendy bars are full of the pushy young things who are, in many people's eyes, the main beneficiaries of Russia's painful reforms.

The mafia takes its cut from every transaction. "Don't take a taxi; it costs more than my entire salary," one passer-by advised. But the taxi driver in his Mercedes seemed almost apologetic as he demanded $20 (£13) for a ride from the airport. "You know they all control us and each has his territory," he said.

St Petersburg has already included in its Museum of the Great October Socialist Revolution the last upheaval in Moscow in 1991. Lenin's study is still preserved, sparse and redolent of the old empire. Barely anyone comes now to marvel at communism's great leader, the curator remarked mournfully. The once hallowed relics look abandoned, quaint now; to many they are almost nostalgic.

West chooses to overlook presidential clampdown on Moscow press and television

G7 supports Yeltsin but gives aid warning

The president has resorted to thuggish troops and slavish media coverage in the grand old tradition of Soviet autocracy. His democratic credentials are in question

BY ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE decision yesterday by the G7 nations meeting in Washington to extend full backing to President Yeltsin's dissolution of the Russian parliament further boosted the Kremlin leader against his enemies.

His initiative against the legislature has clearly been well prepared and his government is working as a unified front, grinding down the hardline opposition that is beginning to show signs of fatigue and fragmentation.

However, the G7 finance ministers and central bank governors emphasised that the political crisis does not mean the conditions for financial support would be eased. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "I do not think that the people responsible for reform would welcome a relaxation of conditionality which is essential in order to maintain progress." Russia must get its economic adjustment and reform back on track if it is to receive a second $1.5 billion (£1 billion) tranche of IMF funding, the meeting decided.

Despite the West's endorsement, Mr Yeltsin's handling of events raises questions about his democratic credentials and about the Western stance on press and political freedoms in Russia given that the president has ensured parliament did not have a fighting chance to put its argument in this clash of powers.

Russian television, pro-Yeltsin anyway because of a stream of favourable appointments to top jobs, has excelled itself in partisanship. The Russian leader has been portrayed as being in control of the situation from the start, his every *bon mot* recorded by the cameras and rebroadcast with doting admiration from reporters — reminiscent of the slavish support meted out by the media towards its masters in communist days.


Khasbulatov: reduced the quorum for debate

One of the oddest reversals of the past week has been the role of the elite Omon troops, who were once the brutal last resort of communist power — they stormed the Latvian interior ministry, killing six people in 1991 — but are now presented as protectors of democracy. Omon may be in the service of a different regime, but its thuggishness has not altered and once its troops had taken up position around parliament, it would have taken a kamikaze paramilitary force to tackle them. Russian television has shown footage of weapons stockpiled by the opposition inside the building but it is the president who commands the big guns and the trained killers.

The most blatant example of press interference has been the treatment of *Rossiskaya Gazeta*, the organ of the Russian parliament. It refused to approve the closure of the assembly and was closed down, its editor removed and a new one appointed from a faction sympathetic to the government. She was faced with a mutinous staff who refused to toe the new line, so the paper has not appeared for the past five days.

Vyacheslav Kostikov, President Yeltsin's spokesman, counters that the publications of the "irreconcilable opposition", such as the neo-fascist *Den*, are still being printed. But this is in itself a canny move that encourages portrayal of the opposition as a bunch of crazed extremists with whom few ordinary Russians can identify.

The Kremlin's most cunning manoeuvre has been the withdrawal of parliamentarians' travel privileges. The thousand members of the Congress of People's Deputies were entitled to free and prompt airline tickets to Moscow whenever a session of the super-legislature was called. That perk, essential to punctual attendance anywhere in a country where air travel is chaotic, unreliable and oversubscribed, was abruptly removed, leaving many provincial deputies stranded. Many gave up and stayed at home, helping account for the failure of the Congress to reach an official quorum. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, promptly lowered the quorum so that the session proceeded anyway.

In St Petersburg yesterday, 46 deputies from regional parliaments and governments, avoiding the turbulence of Moscow, held an emergency meeting to discuss setting up a parallel assembly that could keep the country running and dampen rising separatist tensions.

Called together by Aleksandr Belyaev, head of St Petersburg city council, representatives of 37 parliaments and nine provincial administrations met behind closed doors in the first nationwide challenge to President Yeltsin. Many criticised his proposal to suspend the constitution and dissolve parliament but stopped short of endorsing the defiance of the Moscow assembly and its nomination of Aleksandr Rutskoi as the president.

Also on the agenda was a proposal to take control of the national budget, now deadlocked because of parliament's refusal to implement government measures, from regional power bases. A main concern of many is that the confrontation in Moscow should not paralyse urgently needed financial measures or hasten the disintegration of the Russian Federation.

Compromise hint, page 1


A stray dog appears to be cast as inspecting officer yesterday while hardline volunteer defenders of the Moscow parliament await a commander

NEWS IN BRIEF

Georgian forces on brink of defeat

Moscow: Georgia was poised on the brink of military defeat and anarchy as Abkhazian rebels advanced into the centre of the besieged city of Sukhumi yesterday and Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted former president, returned to begin his bid to regain power (Anatol Lieven writes).

Georgian sources say that the Abkhazians have advanced almost to the railway station in the centre of the city, and that Georgian reinforcements advancing from the south have not yet broken through to the city itself. A Georgian journalist reported Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader who is in the city, as saying that the reinforcements were insufficient and that "the fate of Georgia is in the balance".

Lawrence Sheets, a correspondent who returned to the capital, Tbilisi, on Saturday after spending eight days in Sukhumi, has said that the rebels hold almost half the city and the strategic heights around it, and that the Georgian troops are demoralised.

When Mr Gamsakhurdia arrived back at his stronghold of Zugdidi, he called on Mr Shevardnadze and what he called his "junta" to resign and to "restore power to the legitimate authorities".

Mafia killing

Rome: Neapolitan hit men have shot dead Antonio Ammaturo, 58, brother of a mafia leader who turned supergrass after acting as ambassador of the Naples underworld to Latin American cocaine-smuggling gangs, police said yesterday.

Angola plea

Luanda: As sanctions came into effect against Unita rebels yesterday, the United Nations representative in Angola, where 1,000 people a day are dying, called for aid for the besieged city of Cuito. Survivors are said to be eating the dead. *(AFP)*

Storms kill six

Grenoble: Weekend storms hit west Europe, killing at least six people, as flooded rivers destroyed roads, bridges and railways in France, Italy and Switzerland. Four of the deaths were in the Italian Piedmont region. *(Reuter)*

Cameras roll

Baghdad: United Nations remote control cameras in Iraq are now activated, transmitting pictures of missile test sites to a UN office in Baghdad, a senior UN inspector said. "The cameras are on. They are fully operational," Guy Martelle said. *(Reuter)*

Drinking song

Aspen, Colorado: John Denver, 49, the singer, was sentenced to sing at a benefit concert to fight drunken driving after he pleaded guilty to driving while his ability was impaired. He was charged on August 21 after police saw his car weaving on the road. *(AP)*

Somalia setback forces Clinton to cool towards peacekeeping

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

Sarajevo: In a move that may indicate the death of a multi-national Bosnia and the birth of an Islamic republic, a group of the country's most important Muslim politicians and leaders, including President President Izetbegovic and Rasim Delic, commander of the Bosnian army, has formed an assembly, it was announced yesterday (Joel Brand writes). The body appears set to supersede what remains of the battered country's multi-national parliament as the final political authority.

PRESIDENT Clinton will open the annual debate of the United Nations General Assembly today with a speech that threatens to cast a pall over the organisation's expanding peacekeeping operations.

President Clinton had planned to use his first main foreign policy address to present his vision of "aggressive multilateralism", and to promise to place more American troops under UN command. But domestic concern over the fighting in Somalia and fear about an even greater quagmire in Bosnia have derailed the initiative, known as *Presidential Directive 13*.

The deaths in Somalia at the weekend of 3 American soldiers who were shot down in a helicopter by gunmen over Mogadishu, has added to the sense of outrage in Congress over America's involvement in Somalia. Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate arms services committee, said yesterday that the "mission (to Somalia) has to be re-examined".

Later this week, the House of Representatives is expected to endorse a Senate bill to limit America's foreign policy goals in Somalia, and a growing number of senators and representatives are now fighting hard to avoid America getting itself into a similar situation in Bosnia. Rather than pledging their support for a brave new world of UN peacekeeping, senior American officials have in recent days spelt out strict conditions for future participation in peacekeeping efforts and warned UN officials to be ready for a shock when President Clinton speaks.

They say the directive has been redrafted to conform more closely with Washington's former practice of keeping American combat forces under US command and control. Madeleine Albright, Washington's ambassador to the UN, said this week that America would ask five questions before supporting future peacekeeping missions:

Is there a real threat to international peace and security? Does the mission have clear objectives and scope? Is a ceasefire in place, and have the adversaries agreed to a UN presence? Are the needed financial and human resources available? Can an end to UN participation be identified?

Mrs Albright said that guidelines being drawn up for future American participation in UN operations would "promise greatest assistance in specialised areas such as logistics, training, intelligence, communications and public affairs". But she added that the administration was still studying what type of combat role American troops should play in future UN missions, and that the larger the operation "the more likely that Americans will be under American commanders".

President Clinton already faces a formidable battle gaining passage of his health care reform plan and the North American Free Trade Agreement, and is evidently reluctant to complicate his efforts with an unpopular attempt to secure greater congressional support for UN peacekeeping. The deaths so far of 11 American soldiers in Somalia has prompted congressional calls for the withdrawal of the 4,700-strong force there, most of which is under UN command.

The administration's official line is that policy towards Somalia and Bosnia will remain the same. Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary, said that the weekend killings "underscore the need to reestablish security in Mogadishu to prevent the international humanitarian efforts from being undermined". But behind the scenes, efforts are under way to pacify Congress.

Congress is also uneasy about plans to send up to 25,000 servicemen as part of a 50,000-strong multinational force to police a peace settlement in Bosnia.

Mr Hurd, the foreign secretary, will be speaking to the general assembly tomorrow and holding a series of bilateral meetings throughout the week, including a three-hour meeting with his Chinese counterpart on Friday and possible talks with the Iranian foreign minister.

Trident 'is damaging US links'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

TRIDENT has moved from being a cornerstone of the special relationship between Britain and the United States to undermining it, according to a report published today by the British American Security Information Council, an arms control study group with an anti-nuclear bias but which is respected for the diligence of its research.

The report is highly critical of the secrecy surrounding Britain's programme of strategic nuclear missiles which, it says, is hampering legitimate discussion between politicians of future defence options and Anglo-American relations.

Britain staked its future as a nuclear power on four Royal Navy submarines carrying American Trident missiles at a time when London and Washington pursued parallel defence policies. Now, according to the group, Britain is putting severe strains on the relationship in opposing US policy by wanting to continue nuclear testing and production of weapons-grade fissile material.

Argentines report for island duty with Britons

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

WITH the Falklands war officially a distant memory, Argentine soldiers have arrived in Cyprus to keep the peace between Greek and Turk islanders alongside British United Nations troops.

The Argentinians, wearing sky blue berets and matching cravats, were met at Larnarka airport on Saturday evening by British UN troops keen to show they bore no grudges as they shook hands and grinned at the television cameras.

Brigadier Richard Lambe, the British UN chief of staff, greeted the 73 Argentine officers and men on the tarmac. They will be joined by 300 more soldiers next month, making the Argentine contingent the largest in the UN force after Britain's 500 troops.

Lieutenant Colonel John Manuel Durante, the Argentine commander, said when asked if the ghost of the Falklands conflict would cause problems: "The Malvinas war? No, we fought well and the British fought well." His clipped moustache bristling only slightly, he added: "We respected each other. Now we will work side by side, fulfilling our important mission. We are looking forward to working together."


Argentine troops invading the Falklands in 1982. They are now helping Britain to keep the peace in Cyprus

British and Argentine soldiers have been warned of "consequences" if they do not co-operate. "You can't exclude clashes over a beer, but there will be very tough disciplinary measures," said Waldemar Rokojevski, the UN spokesman. "They will all be on a tight leash."

Off-duty British troops have a reputation for brawling in tourist resorts with soldiers from other contingents, Cypriot youths and among each other. "They have told us we will be castrated if there is any argy-bargy," said a soldier from the 39th Regiment, the Royal Artillery, deployed on the "green line" that cuts through the heart of Nicosia.

"But we don't expect any aggro. There are a few in the 39th here who fought in the Falklands, but they are senior NCOs, not troublemakers."

Richard Potter, a spokesman for the British High Commission, said: "We warmly welcome the arrival of the Argentinians. Britain has fought most countries in the world at one time or another, and the idea of making friends with former enemies is not new to us."

It is a lesson which the UN hopes the Greek and Turkish Cypriots will also be able to learn. United Nations troops have been striving to keep the peace between the two communities on the island for 29 years.

Greece's socialist leader puts scandal and ill health behind him in election campaign

Papandreou battles his way back from oblivion

FROM MISHA GLENNY IN THESSALONIKI

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Mitsotakis: falling behind in polls

which the European Community has applied on the Mitsotakis government to put its house in some sort of financial order. Despite a punishing campaign, the 75-year-old outgoing prime minister and his New Democracy Party appear to be on the ropes as the October 10 election approaches.

Mr Mitsotakis has alienated some of the floating middle-class voters with his attempts to collect taxes, but he is now bringing inflation under control, although it is still the highest in the European Community at about 14.5 per cent. He has also succeeded in curbing the dangerously high budget deficit.

Ironically, just as the Greek economy looks as though it may be turning, the electorate's patience appears to have run out. New Democracy's weak standing in the opinion polls is largely due to the harsh austerity measures and even the business community has voiced its dissatisfaction as factories and shops have closed throughout the country.

Not a day goes by without Mr Mitsotakis popping up on an Aegean island or desolate farmland urging Greeks to stick with his harsh programme of economic austerity. In contrast, Mr Papandreou, his 74-year-old arch rival who heads the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) will make only four public appearances during the run-up to the election.

Mr Papandreou's modest schedule is determined largely by his heart which underwent a triple-bypass operation in 1988. Although the issue of his health is providing most of the power for Greece's over-worked rumour mill, his supporters are nonetheless preparing to celebrate a remarkable political comeback.

Less than three years ago, Mr Papandreou was placed on trial for corruption and embezzlement arising from his eight years as prime minister during the 1980s. He successfully defended himself against the charges but few believed that he would be able to challenge for government again. To judge by the opinion polls, conventional wisdom and a memorandum of the US embassy in Athens which was leaked to the Greek press, Pasok is heading for a substantial victory in the elections. Mr Mitsotakis has warned that a victory for his rival may lead Greece into "unpredictable adventures".



Andreas Papandreou with wife Dimitra, a former air hostess, at their 1989 wedding

Waiting in the wings is Antonis Samaras, the foreign minister Mr Mitsotakis sacked because of his hardline views on the national question. Defections to Mr Samaras' new Political Spring party brought down the government earlier this month.

The last time Mr Papandreou came to power, he vigorously challenged the United States' right to maintain military bases in Greece. But he is unlikely to be so forthright a second time around. Despite the campaign rhetoric, perhaps the Pasok lion has lost his teeth after all.

Surplus of Nato stock speeds up arms race

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN "unrelenting" arms race between Greece and Turkey is being fuelled by transfers of advanced Nato weapons from surplus stocks to replace the ageing military systems in the two countries, according to a report yesterday.

Nato members have been reducing their arsenals to comply with limits imposed by the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty. In the past three years, America and its Nato allies have committed themselves to supplying the countries with 25 frigates and destroyers, 400 combat aircraft, and 4,000 tanks and armoured vehicles, according to the British American Security Information Council says. The report criticised the scale of the transfer of arms to an area which could become involved in an expanded Balkans war.

France cools temperature in trade of Gatt insults

■ Suggestions that President Clinton would be happy to sit back and watch Paris torpedo free trade may have prompted a conciliatory French tone

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AS SIR Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner, prepared to do battle with the Americans on behalf of the French farmers this week, a change of tune could be heard from the Paris establishment.

After weeks of campaigning which has convinced the public that France is the victim of an American-led plot to purloin its wealth, both material and cultural, government officials and some of the media are trying to quell the flames. In a telling example of the shift, *L'Evénement du Jeudi* magazine reported that France had subjected itself to the most prodigious exercise in "collective brainwashing" in ages.

Behind the palpable change of tack by the government may lie fear of a Machiavellian scenario which was doing the rounds in Paris ministries over the weekend. This holds that the Clinton administration is so exhausted trying to win domestic support for the North American Free Trade Area that it may be relieved to let French objections over farm trade torpedo the new Gatt world trade deal. Thus, France would be left to take the international heat, finding itself in the centre of a crisis shaking the European Community and leave its farmers worse off than under the disputed Blair House accord.



Jurassic Park: cast as cultural enemy

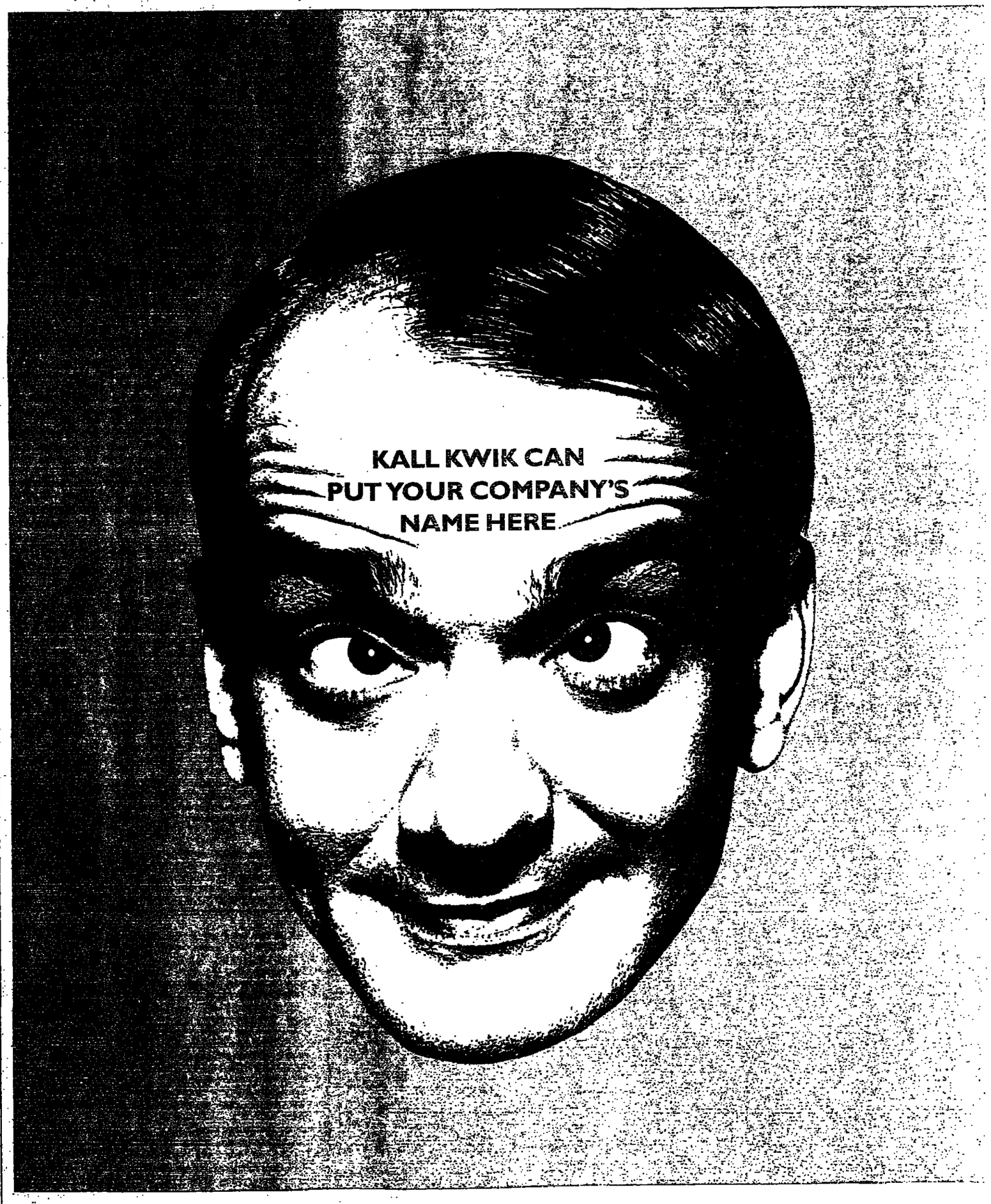
Signs of nervousness have been abundant over recent days. On Saturday, Alain Juppé, the foreign minister who clashed with Sir Leon at last Monday's Brussels council, swapped mantles and warned his Gaullist party to beware of "simplistic" nationalism. He said "the protectionist temptation" was a bigger threat to French jobs than anything else. His speech reflected the way that intra-Gaullist rivalries have helped France paint itself into a corner.

Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, has been compelled into his hardline stance, including threats of an EC veto, by the crusading of Jacques Chirac, the party leader, who has promised to fight to the death for the farmers. Though M Chirac and his protégé spent much of the weekend denying there was any tension between them, commentators say the party leader may not be averse to seeing M Balladur come a cropper. This could diminish the stature of an increasingly powerful rival for the presidency in 1995. Polls show M Balladur as far more strongly favoured as a potential candidate.

A change of official tone came on Thursday when senior officials called in foreign journalists to say "we are now trying to cool things down" in the Gatt dispute, and explained that they needed breathing space to turn public opinion, particularly that of the farmers', around from the notion that Gatt was a dagger poised to strike at the heart of France. Their aim is to lower the temperature to improve the chances of a quiet arrangement with Washington over Blair House, but they showed anxiety over the intensity of the propaganda campaign which the government has helped fuel. Asked about the strident anti-American campaign by French ministers in defence of the film industry, an official said: "There will be no more declarations of this type."

On the cultural front, where Jacques Toubon, the minister, has declared war on the *Jurassic Park* dinosaurs, and film-makers have trooped to Brussels to press their case, some commentators have dared to question why the world may prefer American to French movies. "French films suffer from placing emphasis on psychology and thus dialogue at the expense of action and behaviour," said *Le Point*, a news magazine.

☐ Washington: The American delegation, led by Mickey Kantor, will try to defuse a potentially damaging clash when it meets Sir Leon today. Officially, the delegations argue that an "amplification" of a few detailed points would be sufficient to sway French concerns.



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Happiness is a taskmaster



LIBBY PURVES

Hard taskmasters are good for your health: official. The British Psychological Society heard that work is more satisfying than leisure: not because of the money or the self-worth, but for a more interesting reason. Work, it seems, makes you happy because it forces you to do things you would rather avoid. Supervisors keep you trying when, in a leisure context, you would give up and go to the pub.

I could have told them that. There is nothing like a stern taskmaster to enhance anybody's life, from the age of four upwards. Happy is the nursery child who, absently picking his nose with a pencil, hears a voice behind him saying firmly, "Now Jason — we want to colour in *all* the little frogs, not just two of them — don't we?". Happy is the pupil whose teacher makes her finish the page, and whose university tutor actually expects the essay in on time. In your first job, the best thing a fairy godmother could offer is a guarantee that someone in charge will care enough to make you do sloppy work over again. The best teachers and bosses achieve a kind of immortality: years later, their inexorable voices ring in your head and make you do things properly. Which leads, in the end, to happiness.

The first time I consciously experienced this effect was at Oxford, under the immensely aged doyen of Anglo-Saxon grammar, Professor C.L. Wrenn. It was not much fun: even half-blind and hobbling, he had a sarcastic, critical tongue which would strip paint. When he died in mid-term, of pure old age, our first reaction was, shamingly, "Phew! We won't have to finish that translation!". Our second instinct was to finish it, in his memory and honour. And we did.

I have known other Wrenns since: picky, inexorable taskmasters. There was the Radio 4 *Today* editor who would single out the idlest, most soft-centred and waffly reporter in sight and give her (all right, me) orders to analyse the Israeli Labour party leadership election, work on a package explaining the common agricultural policy, or research an obituary of some unpronounceable far-flung president. There have been fussy producers, perfectionist directors, and print editors who sent things back making it clear that they were not giving up, but expecting a better version.

I suppose there are some self-motivated people who never need a kick-start; and even among the rest of us it is possible that there is a cut-off point around retirement age when you suddenly don't feel like taking any lip from anybody. But I am not sure. Some of us, I suspect, will go on courting demands until screwed down in our box, and even then will tap on the lid saying, "Was that all right?".

It has nothing to do with money or praise. Mothers, unpaid and unthanked, get a similar clandestine thrill from the remorselessness of their children's demands. You wouldn't choose to pant for 12 hours on a beanbag being called "lovey" by midwives; you don't particularly want to have your chest sucked half off by a newborn vacuum-cleaner. You have no desire to get up at 3am to tend to some niffy, grizzling little lump. But you have no choice. And later you remember those dawns with ever-growing satisfaction, convinced that you did your bit. I am not surprised when women without jobs collapse in depression when their children leave home: they are suffering from taskmaster-deprivation. The best description of labour and new motherhood I ever heard was from a yachtswoman. "It's exactly like sailing," she said. "Upwind, in the dark, you have to go on."

Which brings us to leisure. The conference was told that this never quite takes the place of work. But did they interview any offshore sailors, climbers, cavers, divers? Their imperatives can be even more exhilaratingly undodgeable than those of paid work. A sail still has to be changed in a gale, even if you have not slept for two days; if your companion breaks a leg on a mountain or in a cave, you have no choice but to climb for help. People in these no-turning-back sports have elected their own elemental taskmasters, just for the thrill of being forced to soldier on. We may give you a lot of poetic stuff about dawns at sea or stalactites, but what we really like is the remorselessness. The reality.

Perhaps because it is not always there at work. Confronting substandard employees is an effort: in times of unemployment it is easier to let them go and be substandard somewhere else. Work patterns are changing as companies and authorities subcontract: far more people have to be freelancers or entrepreneurs. Soon it will no longer be a world of generals and lieutenants, but of buyers and sellers: a souk, not an army. And the difference is that if a soldier starts limping, his sergeant will examine his boots and try to get him back in step; but if a seller lets down a buyer, the buyer shrugs and shops elsewhere.

So — um — is this all right? Or would you like me to start again? I don't mind, honestly . . .

French films fight back

Charles Bremner on how Zola's *Germinal* is being seen in France as an answer to Hollywood's epics



Germinal is an opportunity for the French to prove that quality can woo the masses from Hollywood's Schwarzenegger, dinosaurs and their ilk

For weeks, France has been awash with posters depicting a crowd of ragged and angry workmen. A simple caption proclaims "Germinal, September 29". Further explanation is unnecessary since a tide of publicity has ensured that everyone knows that the subject is a film of Emile Zola's 1885 masterpiece on the miseries of the coal mines.

Directed by Claude Berri, the maker of *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des Sources*, *Germinal* features a bleak topic but it boasts the standard ingredients for a blockbuster. At Ffr160 million (£18 million), it is the most expensive French film; it co-stars the national cinematic monument, Gérard Depardieu, and it includes a cast of a thousand. But such is the reverence for the subject and the state of national gloom that even before it opens, the film has become an event in itself.

For Edouard Balladur's Gaullist government, now engaged in a noisy offensive against the cultural pollution of Hollywood, *Germinal* is a chance to prove that French quality can woo the masses from dinosaurs, Schwarzenegger and their ilk. Jacques Toubon, the culture minister and administrator of the heavy subsidies for the French film industry, cites it as a healthier alternative to *Jurassic Park*. To give the film a heavyweight send-off, President Mitterrand today goes to Lille for its premiere along with Depardieu, Berri and the other stars, the popular singer Renaud and Miou-Miou, the actress.

It is hard, though, to see many of the masses choosing it for escapist entertainment. The woe-laden classics of Zola have proven so daunting that few film-makers have broached them. Only two previous *Germinals* have been filmed, in 1913 and 1962, compared with 40 of *The Three Musketeers* and 54 *Carmens*.

For the makers and the left-leaning thinking classes, Berri's panorama of the misery of the pits speaks for the injustice that inflicts France at a time of raging unemployment and economic aggression from a hostile world. However, many businessmen in Lille and the old mining region of the north are not amused. "The impact of this film is going to be catastrophic," says Bruno Bonduelle, a local magnate. "Just think about it. This film is going to be seen from New York to Tokyo and they are going to have all these images of the 19th century just when we want to enter the 21st."

A group of local politicians have been campaigning for the state to finance a Ffr10 million documentary of the modern north, to be made by Berri, which would balance the picture. However, the Communist Party, the last of the old Stalinist dinosaurs in the West, is thrilled at the idea of a blockbuster about the class struggle. "It couldn't be more topical," said a local Communist MP.

For much of the Paris chattering classes, the misery of the 19th-century miners is a more abstract parable of France's present distress. Leading the eulogies, *Le Nouvel Observateur* described the film as "a requiem for the working class", whose sufferings were first given wide publicity by Zola a century ago. Commenting this week on his film, Berri said everything in the tale of the bloody put-down of a miner's strike could be applied today — "the injustice, inequality, the poverty and unemployment".

Renaud, the leftist pop singer who stars as Etienne Lantier, the agitator who leads the miner's strike, explained that he had aimed to put a bit of fire back into the defeated working classes but had discovered to his disgust "that I have made a Balladurian film . . . I feel like shooting myself". He was referring to the way the Victorian mine-owners of the film sound like the prime minister explaining that France cannot do more for the workers because of economic circumstances.

The media have closely followed the emotional part played in *Germinal* by the extras, hundreds of them miners who had lost their jobs after a lifetime in the pits, now closed. Five thousand turned up for two days of auditions on location near Valenciennes.

Berri's stormy six months on location have been chronicled, tantrum by tantrum, in Pierre Assouline's *Germinal: the making of a film*. The director, who is known as France's only film-maker of Hollywood commercial calibre, clashed with Renaud, 42, a notoriously prickly character who said he was persuaded against his will to try his hand at acting. The singer so identified with his role that at one stage he tried to stir industrial revolt among the extras. He complained this week that the director had humiliated him on the set. "Berri partially stifled, frustrated and over-directed me . . . I was not myself but what Berri wanted me to be."

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Only in Britain and America is the condition of children worsening.

Valerie Grove on why we should take more care of our future

How we fail our children



Sylvia Ann Hewlett: ringing reminder

IT IS an indictment of our times and we shall live to regret it: our reckless attitude to our children. Sylvia Ann Hewlett, a 47-year-old British economist (and mother of four) based in New York, has just produced *Child Neglect in Rich Nations*, a report for Unicef that should have us reeling, since it reveals that while children's well-being is improving worldwide, it is getting worse in only two countries: Britain and the United States.

The report is a ringing reminder that investing in young children and supporting family life makes far more sense than costly damage limitation later.

"Children are treated by our two governments as pesky creatures full of irritating demands," says the report. "But look around: they are what our nation will become, in terms of workers and citizens."

If your eyes glaze over when reading about childcare, support for mothers, pre-school education, the reality is this: those undernourished, culturally deprived, truanting, aimless, neglected children are the criminal, unemployable youth of tomorrow.

"People don't realise just how expensive these children will become to the taxpayer," says Dr Hewlett. "Of course it is a moral outrage that we allow children to lead blighted lives, but the bottom line is that the average cost to us of a child who drops out of school and spends a lifetime in and out of the penal system and on welfare is $300,000 [about £187,000]. It is cheaper to send a child to Harvard than to prison. And these are just the direct costs. What about the damage that child does to other people, in violence and theft, in pain and suffering that you cannot quantify? It is astonishing that we just watch it happen and then get pushed into a situation of damage control."

Her research was done in the field. In New York she talked to a boy of ten who had already dropped out of school and was roaming the streets, "torturing pigeons". He was, she says, "seriously violent already". A social worker in a Manhattan hostel for homeless told her: "We are breeding expensive killers here, and no one seems to care."

IN THE leafy Hertfordshire town of Ware she spoke to Kevin, a 15-year-old who laughs at the idea of going to school and spends his time "watching porno videos, having sex, speeding down the A10 on a 'borrowed' motorbike". Two of his friends have died on motorbikes and one killed a pedestrian. Kevin, she noted, "has given little thought to his future".

Dr Hewlett embarked on the project when she remarked to Unicef that all the UN agencies seemed to concentrate on the Third World. "There was a misconception that kids in trouble are tucked away in Bangladesh or somewhere far away," she says. "It is shocking to find worse problems in your own back yard.

"But the irony of the 1990s is that while the Third World countries are making dramatic progress in looking after their children — even a country as vast and as poor as India — our record on matters such as inoculation is getting worse. A bad case of measles can cause blindness and worse. Yet the immunisation rate in the United States is 77 per cent; in India it is 86 per cent. Even the UK has fallen far behind China, Cuba and Romania."

Why?

"Our governments have been committed to cutting any programme that underpins family life," she claims. "In the Reagan-Thatcher revolution, economic policy-making was intent on decreasing the interference of government in family life. So they privatised child-rearing.

"That ideology infected economic policy throughout the English-speaking world. It is hard to reverse that trend and the damage is done: the safety net is already thinner and weaker."

In the US and the UK, a quarter of all children are now born out of wedlock. By the time those children are aged between seven and 13, a third of them will be in single parent families. In Britain and America, 40 per cent of children never see their fathers at all after a divorce.

"Fatherlessness is extremely bad news for children, precipitating them into poverty and lasting emotional problems. Eighty-six per cent of teenage suicides are in fatherless families. Sixty per cent of fatherless young people drop out of college and are cast adrift. And these are societies where families are most fragile, where marriages habitually disintegrate."

TEENAGE suicide in the two countries is up, reading levels down. Children, we hear, spend five hours a day watching television and playing video games. Obesity in the young is rising because so many either "graze" unsupervised at home or are given money to buy what they want (often a 50 per cent fat diet).

"The lack of supervision of children is the single most significant factor, we found, in all forms of drug use," says Dr Hewlett. "It cuts right across all classes, including affluent career women's families. Substance abuse starts if they are without adult supervision for more than 12 hours a week. People don't want to know because it fans the flames of guilt. But you really have to face it squarely. Far more must be done to slow our divorce rate when children are involved."

The Children Act, she adds, is full of sound and fury but has no teeth. Her suggested solutions are that we follow the example of countries that get something right: for example, Holland and its post-natal care, Sweden's parental leave and France's pre-school education.

"Half of adult achievement is already determined by the age of five. Yet the US and the UK spend surprisingly little on pre-school education. France has almost every three-year-old in school, getting a real head start. You get a much bigger bang for your buck if you tilt the balance of education spending towards infants, rather than waiting until they're in trouble. And we are hung up on the convention of leaving home every day to work, instead of redefining how work is done in the computerised age. Workaholic societies are hostile to children. Whatever it costs to change things, it is cheaper than the results of child neglect.

"The day will come when the progress of a nation is judged not by its military and economic strength, or the splendour of its capital cities, but by the health and civilised behaviour of its children. Nothing is more important."





Fruit of an English country garden

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

If the designer Roger Saul had listened to his father Michael, the Mulberry fashion company might not be in the running for the award for Classic Design in this year's Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards.

In 1971, Roger Saul decided it was time to go into business. His father made two suggestions: Christmas trees and donkeys. Although Mr Saul Sr is now very much part of the Mulberry corporation, it was a good thing for fashion that Saul Jr did not take his father's advice.

Mulberry is today an established, much admired name. The company, which Saul formed with his mother Joan, was started with an initial capital of £500. In 1992, the world retail turnover for the Mulberry Group hit £50 million. Not bad for a man who began his design career making leather chokers on the kitchen table.

What immediately becomes obvious is that Mulberry is a family business, and not just the Saul family's business. At its headquarters in Chilcompton, Somerset, the workforce in the factory are all locals. On the sewing machines are grandmothers, their daughters and even their daughters. Throughout the factory there is a feeling of great warmth, and genuine satisfaction, which obviously pleases Saul.

"I get 110 per cent out of life," he says, "and you can get that only if you're with people who are really enjoying themselves."

Saul's enthusiasm has become the driving force behind Mulberry. He is a quietly spoken man, yet never appears to sit still for long. With Mulberry he has seen a dream come true. It is his intention to share that dream with the rest of the world.

"It's all basically an illusion, a magical thing you're creating... making a cardboard box, or a handbag or creating a garden, you are trying to excite people and get them interested in what you're doing," he says.

But he quickly adds that to be successful as a designer you must stay in touch with reality. "Underneath, Mulberry has a sort of security and quality element about it. Those elements are important today."

The Mulberry company is quintessentially English. Over the years, the look has never moved too far from a traditional mix of tweeds, tartans and twin-sets. But there are always surprising elements in the collection. This season there are wonderfully rich brocades, cut into slim-fit jackets, and even slimmer trousers.

From its tiny mulberry bush logo, to Saul's love of vintage cars (which he has managed to combine with work by creating the Mulberry Historic Grand Prix Car series), his constant inspiration is the English eccentric. "Mulberry whiffs of all sorts of things," he says. "A certain integrity, a certain reserve, definitely a humorous eccentricity. Quality unquestionably, and perhaps even a little bit aristocratic. People expect that from an English-branded product, but you must not be afraid to laugh at yourself."

Saul has enjoyed much merriment over the years. Mulberry has twice won the Queen's Award for Export, and been awarded the British Clothing Exporter of the Year award three times. Alongside the ladies' and men's ready-to-wear lines, and accessories, Saul added an At Home range of interior designs in 1991.

The Mulberry collection now provides everything from a simple leather belt or briefcase to furnishings to dress up the homestead. Mulberry offers a complete environment which is wanted the world over. The label is popular throughout Europe, America and the Far East. Saul has just opened a store in Istanbul, and in October opens another in Knightsbridge.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying my life, racing through it, and my team at Mulberry is doing the same. The aim is to get the customer caught up in that excitement," he says.

After so many years in the business, is it still possible to be excited by it? "I still find it exciting, but it's different," Saul says.

"The 1970s when I began were all about experimenting. Everything was about trying new things. Today it's about seeing new challenges and new horizons. Enthusiasm can carry you a long way — it allows the company to grow."

Having seemingly more energy than most, how does Saul unwind? Unsurprisingly, his distractions appear to be interwoven with his work. He uses his ever-changing role within the company as a diversion from boredom. "Priorities change every day. That keeps you fresh," he says.

Apart from the car racing, and the odd game of tennis, which satisfies his competitive edge, Saul enjoys the solitude of gardening. "I love creating gardens. That I find very peaceful and rewarding. I'm lucky because I have a big garden in Somerset," he says, and yet he cannot quite forget business that easily. "It's very similar to creating a collection, you know. You're always having to think a year ahead and imagine what it's going to look like. Sometimes you make horrible mistakes."

Few could fault the route he has plotted for Mulberry. Whether or not his company wins the award for Classic Design this year, Saul will still manage a smile. You see, Mulberry has already won that award. Last year.



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Matthew Parris



■ Television violence is most bearable for the viewing audience when it is entirely gratuitous

These days when I return to Derbyshire for the weekends I take with me pornographic videos and recordings of the most sickeningly violent scenes that have appeared on television. All year I have been serving on the Broadcasting Standards Council.

Our function under the 1990 Broadcasting Act is to consider viewers' and listeners' complaints relating to what we loosely term "taste and decency". In practice such complaints are usually about violence, sex or bad language. We cover the satellite channels as well as Channels 1-4, and radio, actuated not by our own worries, but by citizens who write to us. When anyone does, we examine the passage complained of, placing it in context of time and circumstance, and reach a finding.

We are chaired by Lady Howe, who would be very cross with me if I implied I was expressing here anything other than a personal view. So I had better make that clear at the outset.

Our powers are limited, in my view rightly. We cannot act without a complaint: we can act only after the item has been broadcast: and we can then insist simply that our finding (if the complaint is upheld) be published — *no more* than that — by the broadcaster.

It is a curiously British arrangement — the kind I might be inclined to tease if I were not part of it — but it is not without effect. The press amplifies and discusses our findings and broadcasters treat them with concern, often bridling. I believe we get people to *think* about things, which can be half the battle.

Beyond that I should not wish to go, for I do not believe in censorship. I do not believe good taste can be defined by law, nor that any body of men and women should dictate such matters themselves on other people's behalf.

It has certainly got *me* to think. I had no idea, before, just how sensitive millions are to bad language: but our research, and our complaints, suggest this very strongly. It is not a sensitivity I share, but there comes a point when one has to stop asking whether something *ought* to bother fellow citizens and just accept that it does. It really does. Bad language, when it has not been expected, can have some listeners almost in tears. Blasphemy offends more people, more deeply, than I ever realised.

This may not surprise you. What may, however, is a paradox concerning violence on television, which is only now becoming apparent to me. Often, the more grotesque a violent television scene becomes, the less it disturbs. The more honest and un-hyped is the depiction of violence, the more deeply it can trouble people.

It is not the chainsawing of limbs from screaming naked virgins by three-eyed hairy monsters from outer space that brings my countrymen out into a sweat. It is the showing, perhaps on a news or a news-analysis programme, of a soldier repeatedly kicking a prisoner, that makes us wince.

And a further paradox is this: you might suppose that the obvious response to complaints over the showing of a soldier's brutality — *that it was a report of a real event* — would allay the viewer's anxiety. On the contrary. It is the reason for the anxiety.

"Snuff" movies (violent pornography, murder, torture or rape, in which the screenplay is not being acted, but a real situation being filmed as it happens) are somehow profoundly disturbing. "Snuff" news reporting disturbs in precisely the same way.

The council asked me to watch a Channel 4 programme about the explosion of amateur camcording in America. It included footage of a policeman being killed by motorists he had stopped. Viewed "objectively" the *scene was tame* by comparison with a film such as *Reservoir Dogs*. It was utterly undramatic. You couldn't see much. It was just that you knew the man was actually dying. It was awful.

> 'It is not the sawing of limbs from screaming virgins that brings us out in a sweat'

Research suggests that viewers, even children, have a more highly developed sense of the distinction between fact and fantasy than we sometimes allow. It's a melancholy but true reflection on human nature that the question "is this the kind of thing that could happen to me?" is never far from the viewer's mind as he decides just how stomach-churning to find it.

If you were to sit him down in front of a series of scenes in ascending order of explicit violence but with no clue as to whether they were fact or fantasy, and to monitor the stomach-churning graphically on an S/C index, you might get a single wave: S/C would increase from zero as the violence increased from zero, peak at a point just before believability began to be questioned, then decline thereafter as the very extremity of the violence became less credible.

This poses problems for broadcasters and for adjudicators of taste. It means that the *actuality* of a scene, which we might suppose adds to its legitimacy, also adds to its offensiveness. It is the scenes people "ought" to see, in order to understand the world, that offend. "Gratuitous" scenes offend less. From this dilemma I can propose no escape.

The world makes its greatest blunder by judging spiritual matters in worldly terms

Keeping faith with the higher mind

William Rees-Mogg

People forget that religion is about religion. *Its* root and foundation is the spiritual life; its aim is the rebirth of the soul, seen in Eastern religion as enlightenment. The consequences of this psychological process include changed attitudes towards other people, towards society, towards morality. Yet always the world wants to have it the other way, to have the ethic without the faith, the love of man without the love of God. And the world always judges by the standards of the world — how could it do otherwise?

Take, for instance, the question of the celibacy of priests. From the world's point of view this is an absurdity. People enjoy sex, and they contribute to society through family life. A celibate priest is therefore depriving himself of a legitimate physical delight, and of an opportunity for responsible parenthood. The world also thinks that sex is so important that anyone who chooses not to experience it will be psychologically damaged. To this worldly view there is no answer in its own terms.

Yet many religions have believed that the dedication to God of priests, *monks or nuns* should be the dedication of the whole life, nothing less. The Dalai Lama does not have a Mrs Dalai Lama; the Romans had an honoured place for the vestal virgins. There is also the belief, widely held outside as well as inside the Roman Catholic church, that the highest state of contemplative prayer, the closest approach to unity with the divine, is assisted by celibacy, by the absence of the distractions which come from all earthly ties. The Eastern church, which does not expect this level of mystical practice from all its clergy, has married priests but celibate monks and bishops.

These two arguments do not meet, but rush past each other like trains on opposite tracks. The world will never believe that celibacy is anything but an oddity, a deprivation, because in worldly terms it is just that. Religious people will always recognise that celibacy can be a proper religious choice. The question which remains open for them is whether celibacy is a necessary part of the priestly vocation — which Pope John Paul II believes — or part of the spiritual vocation of some priests, but a hindrance rather than a help to others. As his great predecessor, St Peter, was a married man who, like Woodrow Wyatt, had a daughter called Petronella, that question is always likely to remain open.

Religion is important both because of what it does, and because of what it is. If religious propositions are true at all, religion is the most important thing in human life. Most religious schemes believe that the human spirit is immortal, either from conception, or, as Origen thought, from our life as seeds or ideas in the mind of God. This life, though significant, is a small fraction of the total spiritual experience of the soul's development towards its eventual return home. The common religious view, and the Buddhists expound this particularly clearly, is that the material world is illusory, and that worldly objectives are a vanity. The vanity of human wishes is strongly expressed in the Torah, though Judaism is a comparatively practical religion.

Such a view, which obviously has wide variations from religion to religion, and from church to church, is subversive in terms of the world and its objectives. Businessmen want to become rich. They have to ask themselves whether wealth will bring them closer to God. Jesus thought it would not. Politicians want to become prime minister. They ought to ask themselves whether power will bring them closer to God. Jesus rejected power when the devil tempted him. In practice we are almost all of us in part worldly — whether we are good at worldliness or not — even if we believe that religion is the higher truth. But at least those who accept the reality of the spirit know that their own material objectives and anxieties are short term, probably foolish, and ultimately unimportant. We may not lose our illusions and our vanities, but we can hope to see them for what they are.

The great agency of the religious life is prayer, because it shapes the spirit. Last week it was reported that children spend three to four hours a day watching television and another hour and a half playing video games. No doubt this shapes some part of their subconscious fantasy life, though we do not know how, or whether it is damaging. A contemplative may well spend the same five hours a day in prayer. That undoubtedly shapes the inner spiritual life.

The Englishman who first developed a modern theory of the subconscious was Frederic Myers, a friend and colleague of William James, the great American philosopher and psychologist. He advanced, as early as the 1880s, a different theory of the subconscious mind from the later theories of Sigmund Freud, in some ways closer to that which was to be developed by Freud's disciple and critic Carl Jung. Myers adopted the tripartite division of the mind which goes back to Plato, in which the ordinary conscious mind represents part of a spectrum of mental activity, which extends both below it and above it. The upper consciousness he believed to be a spiritual awareness which could include psychic phenomena such as telepathy, in which he took great interest. He also believed that this upper consciousness could be developed, in what he termed "the upbuilding of the personality".

He particularly associated this process with the development of human genius. He quotes the lines from Wordsworth's *Prelude*:

In a world of life they live,
By sensible impressions not enthralled,
But by their quickening impulse made more prompt
To hold fit converse with the spiritual world.

Myers commented: "They bring with them indefinite intimations of what I hold to be the great truth that the human spirit is essentially capable of a deeper than sensorial perception, of a direct knowledge of facts of the universe outside the range of any specialised organ." That is a good definition of one aspect of the religious faculty in human beings.

Most religious systems imply such a view, that there is a spiritual mind, that it can be aware of a reality which is external to itself, and that prayer can develop this faculty and strengthen the connection. Such a proposition would be acceptable in most religious systems that I know of. Yet if religion exists to help people to develop this faculty, to help them "hold fit converse with the spiritual world", it must be judged on this basis, and not by its contribution to the world's ambitions in purely material terms.

This does not mean that religions can be lightly applauded for their success. Suppose that one asks: "Do the churches teach people to pray? Do they help people to develop their spiritual faculty? Do they strengthen 'the upbuilding of the personality?'" One might get a disappointing answer. But this is what churches are for, not for preaching safe sex, or coffee mornings or diocesan committees, not even — in any direct way — for the material advancement of the world. This is the sense in which the Pope's encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* needs to be read. The question is not whether his doctrine is materially advantageous, but whether it will help or hinder the development of the spiritual life of Christians.

It's Smith versus the Myth

Labour's leader must fight party fantasies, says **Peter Riddell**



Anyone wanting to understand what is wrong with the Labour party should see David Hare's new play, *The Absence of War*, a barely disguised account of Neil Kinnock and his advisers in the last election campaign. Mr Kinnock, who gave the playwright more access than some of his staff, is played by John Thaw (who would have swept the country as Inspector Morse). The play, now previewing at the National Theatre, is funny, compelling, accurate in detail but fundamentally flawed. It depicts a leader, boxed in by his staff, whose attempts to break out end in humiliating failure. Not only does that portrayal misrepresent Mr Kinnock, but it perpetuates a dangerous myth: that if only the leader had ignored the appeals of media advisers to play safe, and been true to himself and socialist values, Labour might have won.

This is dramatically appealing, and will be heard many times at the Labour conference in Brighton this week. But it is wrong. Labour likes to comfort itself with such delusions: that it has been betrayed by its leaders, preferred image to substance, and has dumped socialism. Even as shrewd a politician as David Blunkett argues in the current issue of *Tribune* that Labour lost last year "*because we listened to political* pundits who told us that, if we kept our heads down and our mouths shut, the Tories would lose". Added to that now is the "one more heave" argument: that the Tories are in such a mess that Labour is bound to win the next election, so the party does not need the rows involved in overhauling its approach.

But, as Tony Blair has argued, "if all Labour needed to do to win was wait for the Tories to fail, it would have won last time". On his view, "the worry of the electorate in 1992 was not that Labour had changed, but concern that the change was superficial". Voters were worried about Labour's tax and spending plans, a suspicion that still lingers, according to recent Fabian Society research on attitudes in five key southern marginals. That such points have often been made in the past — for instance in the still absorbing *Must Labour Lose?* book after the 1959 defeat — does not reduce their relevance now. Labour has no choice but to modernise in view of the continuing decline in the size of its traditional working-class, council-tenant and trade-union base.

Yet the self-proclaimed modernisers — Mr Blair and particularly Gordon Brown — start the week on the defensive. They are openly criticised by the hard left and by Bryan Gould, and, in a coded way, by shadow cabinet colleagues on the mainstream left. Some of this is the usual criticism of anyone seeking change. Some reflects personal rivalry between Mr Brown and Robin Cook. Mr Brown is accused of being prickly and over-cautious. This has led to attempts to split him from Mr Blair, a close friend since their election as MPs in 1983. The current fashion is to view Mr Brown as a disappointment, and to see Mr Blair as the more likely future leader for his astute handling of law and order. But the two remain close allies.

The labels, modernisers and traditionalists, are partly misleading. Mr Cook is, for instance, committed both to one member one vote (Omov) in the selection of parliamentary candidates and to electoral reform. Jack Straw has urged the rewriting of clause four of the party's constitution on public ownership, while Mr Blunkett has called for a new approach to taxes.

Nonetheless, a real debate exists over economic policy. Mr Brown has sought to avoid giving ammunition to the Tories over sterling and public borrowing, while clearing the decks of previous commitments, notably by repeatedly emphasising that Labour does not seek to tax and spend for its own sake. His party critics fail to recognise how much Labour would have been attacked if he had urged either devaluation before sterling's forced departure from the exchange-rate mechanism or the big rise in borrowing they have pressed for. Some press coverage has given the impression that he does not favour higher taxes on the rich and that his policies are like those of the Tories. This has never been true, but Mr Brown has sometimes sounded negative. He has made the mistake of not offering hope.

Accepting the need to be more positive, Mr Brown has changed his emphasis. While avoiding detailed commitments, he has talked more about progressive taxation. Yesterday he set out a strategy for conquering unemployment, concentrating on supply-side measures to help people improve their skills and get into work. While many questions are still begged about public borrowing and inflation, Mr Brown has answered criticisms that Labour does not have an alternative approach.

Where does John Smith fit into this debate? His instincts and style are very different from those of Mr Kinnock. He prefers consensus to confrontation. While Mr Kinnock came from the left and then relished confronting the left, Mr Smith is the mirror opposite. He comes from the right, but has been averse to offending the left. His instincts may be with the modernisers, but he has seldom given a lead or inspired his party.

Mr Smith has concentrated on securing Omov, almost to the exclusion of anything else. Having missed the opportunity to press the issue last year after his election as leader, he is now engaged in a classic cliffhanger with the unions which will dominate the conference. Victory will boost his authority as leader and be seen as a reduction in the unions' influence (though they will still control more than two-thirds of the conference votes). At the TUC last month he offered the unions a charter of rights, which may in the long term undo the favourable impact of winning the Omov vote.

Vital though this battle is to the task of modernisation, it is only a first stage. In his speech tomorrow, Mr Smith has to confront his party, as he failed to do last year, with its loss of four elections in a row. The Tories' disarray offers a convenient escape from facing up to necessary changes. But Labour cannot count on winning the next election by default. Mr Smith has to show why voters should trust Labour again.

Iron John

UNION leaders should watch out — they will have to do battle with a new, fitter John Smith at this week's Labour party conference in Brighton. Egged on by his advisers, the Labour leader has joined the Westminster Gym and started a programme of jogging, cycling and weights.

The regime, combined with his holiday pastime of climbing Munros (Scottish mountains over 3,000ft), will, Smith's aides hope, sustain his fitness after his heart attack five years ago. But the exercise has other uses. He can chat to members of his fitness-obsessed "kitchen cabinet", such as press officer Hilary Coffman, chief of staff and climbing companion Murray Elder, and Delyth Evans, who works on speeches. And the sight of Smith and Paddy Ashdown on adjacent cycling machines has prompted speculation that the Labour-Lib Dem barriers could be coming down.

The gym's deputy manager, Tim Gillett, has prescribed Smith "quite an aerobic programme, mainly jogging, cycling and light weights. He has been coming a couple of times a week for about half an hour — his fitness is a lot better than it was." Undaunted by Smith's heresy in being chauffeur-driven the 200 yards from the Commons to the gym in his official Rover, Gillett will reassess the fitness programme after six months. At the moment he believes the gentle regime is "about right".

News of Smith's fitness fad will be welcome to the party. Doug Henderson, MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, a keen marathon runner who has bagged the odd Munro with Smith, is diplomatic. He says: "This should make him even fitter. I would not like to preach to anyone about fitness but it seems to me a healthy body means a healthy mind — useful for party conferences." Perhaps we'll see John Major there yet.

● *Neil Kinnock still can't resist a swipe at the old enemy. In a question and answer session with* Rock Compact Disc *magazine, Kinnock is asked to nominate the most embarrassing record in his collection. He has two, he says:* America, The Greatest, *an anthology of something called Yukmusic, and Baroness Thatcher's recital of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. "I keep it as proof that even the greatest human efforts can be spoilt."*

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Gael force

A LITTLE embarrassment at British Telecom after a request for six phone lines to be installed at Airdrie town hall, headquarters for this year's annual festival of Gaelic music and culture, the Royal National Mod. BT's staff confused the Mod with the MoD, the Ministry of Defence, and decided not to put the phones in without the customary top-level clearance from defence headquarters in Whitehall.

Mod convener Ian Russell, querying the BT delay, was told BT was awaiting the go-ahead from MoD HQ. "I couldn't believe it," says Russell. "I had visions of men in shiny suits with bulges in their jackets at the town hall door as the gold medal competitions were on." The mix-up has been sorted out in time for the Mod starting on October 15, but Russell still has lingering doubts. "If we start rabbiting away on the phone in Gaelic will they think we're enemy agents?" he asks.



● *A TOUCH of string-pulling in Kensington and Chelsea which, in the first week of November, is holding a week of lectures by local authors to focus attention on National Libraries Week. Alongside genuine locals such as P.D. James, Tony Benn and Lady Antonia Fraser, Sir Ranulph Fiennes (who lives in Exmoor) is scheduled to speak on expeditions. His arm was twisted, it turns out, by his sister Sue Scott, who works at the nearby Leighton House Museum. "He can't say no to his sister," says an organiser.*

Hearts of oak

REJOICING in co Wicklow, Ireland, where Thomas Pakenham and friends have been lobbying to save an 18th-century oak wood. Ten months after their campaign to rescue the 160-acre wood, which stands in the valley of the River Derry and whose timber has been used to make some of Europe's finest buildings, the government has come out in favour of conservation.

Pakenham, award-winning writer and chairman of the Irish Tree Society, says he is "absolutely delighted" by the recent remarks of Liam Hyland, Ireland's minister for forestry, who said he was "anxious to . . . protect the oak wood at Coolattin".

He is also surprised: "The government has been hostile for so long — it is surprising, but then it is a different minister and a different government from last November."

All that remains now is the small matter of raising £200,000 to buy the wood.

Second Best

PETE BEST, the unluckiest figure in the history of pop music, briefly re-emerges from obscurity next month. Best, who was sacked from the Beatles in favour of Ringo Starr in 1962 — just before the group recorded their first single Love Me Do — plays drums in an episode of the soap opera Brookside.

The scene is a stag night for the character Frank Rogers at which a band including Gerry Marsden from Gerry and the Pacemakers on vocals, and Best on drums, plays Ferry Across the Mersey.

Despite enjoying the experience, Best, 51, insists that he is not about to give up his day job as a Liverpool civil servant.

"I just take it step by step. It was the first time I have ever acted and I enjoyed it a lot. If it was something that arose again I would go for it, but I am not banking on it."



DAYS after Sydney's successful bid for the 2000 Olympics, the spinoffs have started. First off the blocks is Hugh Atkinson, an Australian writer whose novel *The Games*, about four marathon runners in the Rome Olympics, was turned into a lacklustre 1970 film directed by Michael Winner (above). Atkinson wants to have the novel republished and is looking for a director to reshoot the movie for 2000. Fond of the book, which he believes stands the test of time — "it is as up-to-the-minute as it was 25 years ago" — he is ashamed of the movie, which was "garbage". Musing over possible directors, he says he "would love" the Australian Peter Weir. One thing is sure — he does not want "the chap who did it last time".

OUT OF TIME

Labour's policies remain out of step with events

Labour opens its party conference today well ahead in the polls. The prime minister is the most unpopular since polling records began and next week's Tory conference looks set to be riven with strife. The Opposition should therefore be jubilant. Instead the Labour conference will be a lot glummer than last week's Liberal Democrat gathering, and for good reason.

Labour's current popularity may prove transient. In council by-elections it is losing seats to the centre party. Despite the dreadful hole" in which the government languishes, Labour is scoring only 42 per cent or so in the polls. If that is the best it can do in the grimmest mid-term most people can remember, the chances of it winning the next election are slim indeed.

In a Mori survey for *The Times* on Saturday, voters expressed grave political disenchantment. Asked which party had the best policies, the "don't knows" (which included those who answered that no party had the best policy) outscored all three parties in seven out of the 12 issues. The Tories' score was predictably lower than in March 1992 — but so was Labour's in nine out of the 12 cases.

The votes are there for the taking. Why then has John Smith failed to scoop them up? Complacency should be the first charge against him. Last year's conference was an ideal opportunity for him to reform the party. Labour had been defeated four times in a row. He had been elected leader by 91 per cent of his electorate on the clear promise that he would introduce one-member-one-vote (OMOV) into Labour's elections. In that honeymoon atmosphere, he could have done what he liked. Instead he delivered such a triumphalist speech that it was hard to believe Labour had lost the previous election. OMOV was delegated to a committee, thus allowing the issue to fester.

Labour's policy debates have also suffered from a poor sense of political timing. On Europe and the economy the party's policy has not kept step with events. Labour was mistrustful of Europe in the 1970s and 1980s when many of its potential voters supported the EC. The result was the formation of the SDP and a haemorrhaging of support for Labour. Then, in the late 1980s, just as the EC was embarking on what would prove to be a deeply unpopular rush to integration, Labour declared itself converted to the cause.

So anxious is Mr Smith to prove himself a good European that he has now twice missed the opportunity to sink the government. Having supported sterling's entry into the exchange-rate mechanism, even at an absurdly high rate, he was able to make capital neither out of the unnecessary prolongation of the recession nor the embarrassment of the eventual exit. And on Maastricht, he backed the government on all but the social chapter and failed even to vote for a referendum despite the overwhelming popular demand for one.

On the economy too he has been wrong-footed. Faced with a government whose economic policies bear unflattering resemblance to those of the socialist mid-70s — huge increases in real spending, emergency tax rises, an unsustainable deficit and a public-sector incomes policy — Mr Smith is in a bind. He cannot promise to be economically more conservative than the Conservatives: nobody would believe him and he would be accused of betraying his principles. Yet if he offers to be any more generous, Labour will face the usual charge of irresponsibility, one that Mr Smith is desperate to rebut.

This week, the Opposition leader must win the battle over OMOV. That is a necessary condition of a Labour victory at the next election. But it is by no means sufficient. Mr Smith still has a long way to go before he and his party can confidently prepare for government.

A DANGEROUS CURE

Clinton's health proposals are ambitious but seriously flawed

Bill Clinton's plan for health care addresses the dilemma in American society which no president since Richard Nixon has had the courage to tackle. On the central problem, there is a surprising degree of intellectual and political consensus: health care is too expensive and too exclusive. More than 37 million Americans — 85 per cent of them in work — have no health insurance; yet spending on health already accounts for 14 per cent of America's GDP, almost twice as much as most industrialised countries.

Polls suggest that most Americans regard reform as a priority, while a plan published by Republican senators this month shared many of Mr Clinton's concerns. But, if the questions are clear, the answers are much less so. The policy upon which the president has staked his political career could scarcely be more vulnerable to sabotage.

Under his hybrid system of "managed competition", launched last week, all Americans will be guaranteed medical treatment, irrespective of age and the state of their health. Employers will be mandated to pay 80 per cent of the costs of health insurance purchased from regional, semi-public "health alliances" which will shop around from officially approved insurance companies. The federal government will subsidise low paid employees and poorer businesses, and cap insurance premiums in an effort to control costs.

Mr Clinton faces as rough a political ride as he had with his budget bill. The caps he proposes for the Medicare and Medicaid programmes — which, respectively, assist the elderly and the poor — have alarmed the Democratic left, while the overall cost of the plan risks a coalition between Republicans and sceptical Democrats. Small businesses, in particular, argue reasonably that compulsory employer contributions will amount to a new payroll tax, which will add to labour costs by as much as seven per cent. The Clinton administration should ask whether increased unemployment is a price worth paying for its plan.

Though the new system would enable employees to choose from a range of insurance plans, many Americans will also find that health policies with which they were perfectly happy are no longer available and that the right to choose a physician has been eroded. In some cases, they may have to pay more for less. Only then will the conflict between choice and security become clear.

Secondly, Mr Clinton has yet to explain convincingly how he will pay for his $700 billion spree, which will actually increase spending on health as a proportion of GDP. Much of this is supposed to come from Medicare and Medicaid cuts, which will be politically contentious. Some funds will be raised by the new taxes on tobacco and alcohol. But what effect this will have on Mr Clinton's plan to reduce the federal deficit is unclear. His financial argument has already been dismissed by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democratic chairman of the finance committee, as "a fantasy".

Yet the greatest obstacles facing Mr Clinton are not political or financial but cultural. His plan will outrage those Americans who view big government and regulation with distaste. It would hand over control of one seventh of the nation's economy to a seven-man National Health Board. It proposes one of the most sweeping exercises in cost control in American history. Moreover, because it is the cost of insurance rather than the cost of health services that Mr Clinton intends to regulate, there is a very real risk of local rationing. Americans, used to an individualistic system of health care in which quality and choice have always been at a premium, may then ask whether the cure is worse than the sickness.

YES OR NO, MINISTER?

Sophistry will not satisfy the Scott enquiry

In its recent sessions, the Scott enquiry into arms exports to Iraq has veered from the deadly serious to the comic. Last week's shabby performance by William Waldegrave, the former foreign office minister, was a hybrid of scenes from Joseph Heller and Franz Kafka. The more Mr Waldegrave struggled to justify his actions, the more he incriminated the system he sought to defend.

Changes to the guidelines governing arms sales to Iraq in late 1988 were, he claimed, marginal, in spite of an offical memorandum in December stating that the restrictions had been relaxed "quite substantially". But in any case, Mr Waldegrave argued, the guidelines could not be changed without the approval of the foreign secretary, the prime minister and Parliament. None of this happened. Ergo, the guidelines were never changed". In other words, that which is concealed does not exist. It is easy to sympathise with Lord Justice Scott's complaint that this sort of sophistry was keeping him "awake at night".

Yet the absurdity should not mislead. The issues at stake in the enquiry could scarcely be more important. In an interview in *The Times* today, Paul Henderson, managing director of Matrix Churchill, the machine tool manufacturing firm at the centre of the arms-to-Iraq affair, expresses understandable bitterness at the apparent willingness of ministers to allow him and two of his colleagues to go to prison, though they knew them to be innocent. Why Tristan Garel-Jones, Kenneth Clarke, Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Heseltine signed public immunity certificates suppressing vital documents in the Matrix Churchill trial has yet to be examined by Lord Justice Scott. Meanwhile, Mr Henderson, who served British intelligence at considerable personal risk, is considering a legal action which would compound the government's embarrassment.

After his arrest, Mr Henderson's firm went out of business with the loss of 700 jobs — a pitiful bottom line for a botched arms export policy intended to boost British employment. What is emerging from the Scott tribunal is the distasteful indifference of ministers and officials to the consequences of what they were doing behind closed doors and an irritation with the suggestion that public scrutiny might conceivably have improved the quality of their decisions. "You have to believe," Mr Waldegrave implored his cross-examiners last week, "that Whitehall is basically honest". It is Lord Justice Scott's refusal to be so credulous that has made his enquiry so incisive, so feared and so valuable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Easing the court-room rules for 'no fault' divorce

From Mrs Ruth Deech, Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford

Sir, I was dismayed to read, in your report of September 16 headed "Plan for no-fault divorce to cut costly court battles", that the Lord Chancellor is minded to act on the recommendation of the Law Commission that divorce law and procedure should be eased.

The hardships borne by women affected by the English divorce rate — one of the highest in Europe — have long been familiar. Some £6 billion a year is spent on benefits for single-parent families, many of whom are divorced or separated. That nothing should be done to increase the divorce rate seems to me to be self-evident.

The Law Commission argues, however, that a change in divorce law will merely facilitate the occurrence of the already inevitable. Knowledge of recent history of family law reforms demonstrates that this is not so. On the contrary, every single change in the divorce law since 1857 has resulted in an increase in the divorce rate which never subsequently falls back.

When it removed fault theory from divorce law in the late 1960s the Law Commission confidently predicted that the divorce rate would stabilise, that illegitimacy would dwindle and cohabitation disappear. Each of these predictions, based on interpretation of the statistics of the time, has proved overwhelmingly false.

The Lord Chancellor now apparently believes that a visit to a counselling office and a 12-month transition period will give parties the opportunity to "cool off". Given the past history of divorce reform, it is much more likely that the rate will escalate, that the counselling offices will be underfunded and overcrowded and turn into a brief stopping point on the road to divorce, and that in no time at all it will, once more, appear necessary to abbreviate divorce procedures.

Court battles were, in any case, all but eliminated in 1977 and the Lord Chancellor's proposals would make no change to our expensive and vindictive maintenance laws. It is an error to believe that all moral and legal responsibility can be avoided or that any waiting time between the first visit to a divorce officer and the grant of the decree will cause couples to change their minds. If, however, any cooling-off period is thought sensible, all that needs to be done is to add a provision to the existing law that no decree be granted until at least 12 months after the petition.

The proposed reforms are complex in evolution. At their core there probably lies a desire to cut costs, especially legal aid. On this is superimposed the sincere but misguided belief, seasoned by a dash of political correctness, that divorce can be effected without grief and bitterness.

No divorce can ever be pain-free, but the current proposals have nothing to say about the most distressing element of all, our expensive and vindictive maintenance laws. Instead of opening the floodgates to an even higher divorce rate, every effort should be made now to reduce the rate by a slight tightening of the procedures and by a campaign of education for marriage directed at young people.

Yours faithfully,
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From Miss Margaret Windridge

Sir, I read with interest and relief your report that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, "is believed to have ruled out an earlier idea that all couples who intend to divorce should be forced to go through mediation or conciliation services".

Under Japanese law (unless there can be a divorce by mutual consent) parties are required to attend a conciliation procedure (*chotei*) in the family court. The mediation committee is made up of a man and a woman who are not qualified lawyers. This step is mandatory and divorce proceedings cannot be filed in the district court until parties have either reached agreement or obtained a certificate of "non-settlement" from the committee.

I have recently been instructed by a British subject who has got caught up in this mediation process and is becoming increasingly frustrated. To date, he has been required to attend (with his Japanese lawyer and at great expense) no fewer than five separate conciliation hearings lasting a total of some ten hours.

At the last hearing the committee laid down guidelines for "peaceful co-existence" which included a timetable for family meals and a division of household chores. My client's view is that the procedure verges on farce and is prolonging the agony of himself, his wife and their two-year-old child.

Yours sincerely,
C. M. WINDRIDGE,
Charles Russell (solicitors),
1-23-23 Higashiyama,
Meguro Ku,
Tokyo 153, Japan.
September 20.

Churches' view on fuel tax for poor

From the Reverend Edward Underhill

Sir, An impressive array of Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist church leaders, including Cardinal Hume, the Bishop of Southwark and the President of the Methodist Conference, have backed a 150,000-signature petition handed in at Downing Street this week, protesting against the government proposal to impose VAT on domestic fuel.

I cannot believe that these leaders represent the view of the majority of the rank and file church members in the parishes and circuits. I suggest that no one needs be inconvenienced by the proposed tax and I have no doubt that the most vulnerable will be provided for. It is the next layer of the poorer elements in society who will now need, like the rest of us, to sort out their priorities.

I do not, for instance, believe that families need to buy £400 mountain bikes for their children, as many do in this inner city area, or to buy £100 leather bomber jackets, or to smoke continuously. Some might quite readily halve their daily consumption of Newcastle Brown Ale. They might then be able to afford a sensible fuel provision for their families, and perhaps help bring us all out of debt and into a vigorous, caring society.

Surely it is both wrong and irresponsible of church leaders to speak out against government policy before the full details and safeguards proposed under that policy are known, and before the proposals are fully worked through.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD UNDERHILL,
St George's Vicarage,
327 Durham Road,
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.
September 22.

Fees for articled clerks

From Mr R. E. Mitchell

Sir, The general public may not be aware of a time bomb that is ticking away. The Council of the Law Society has decided that solicitors must pay their articled clerks a minimum fee and, as a result, a great number of solicitors are deciding that it is uneconomic for them to take on an articled clerk.

It has been said that recently qualified solicitors have to accept less than they were receiving when articled clerks. There are lots of young lawyers who want articles but cannot obtain them because firms of solicitors are not prepared to suffer the losses involved.

One possible effect could be that in a few years time there will be a shortage of solicitors. One can only imagine what that will mean to someone who needs to go and see a lawyer. I suspect that they will find it much more expensive.

Yours sincerely,
R. E. MITCHELL,
R. E. Mitchell & Co (solicitors),
3 Endwell Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.
September 20.

BBC records library

From the Head of Libraries and Archives, BBC

Sir, The BBC gramophone library is not being dispersed, sold or given to an external body. Your story "BBC to disperse records library" (September 22) was based on a misunderstanding.

It is true that some broadcast material is already shared between the BBC's sound and video libraries and the British Film Institute and the National Sound Archive, and we may consider developing that relationship in the public interest. There are no plans for moving parts of the gramophone library's collection to the BFI and the NSA.

The BBC is fully committed to its libraries and archives. With that in mind we are proposing a restructuring of the BBC's library services which have recently been brought together into the same directorate to improve their overall efficiency.

It is hard to envisage that something as rich and unique as the gramophone library could ever be turned into a commercial contract. It is the foremost collection in Britain, if not in the world.

Yours etc,
PETER COX
(Head of Libraries and Archives),
British Broadcasting Corporation,
White City, 201 Wood Lane, W12.
September 22.

More VAT anomalies

From Mr Trevor Leigh

Sir, Amid all the hullabaloo concerning the imposition of VAT on domestic fuel, it seems to have escaped attention that there are hundreds of thousands already subject to the tax.

Dwellers in large blocks of flats with centrally supplied hot water and central heating will know (or perhaps ought to know) that their fuels (less, for some obscure reason, the first 1,500 litres of paraffin a year) are subject to VAT, as the utilities treat such accounts as "commercial".

If the campaign against imposing VAT on domestic fuels is successful perhaps the government will correct this odd anomaly by exempting fuel supplies for blocks of flats.

In a similar vein, it seems most unfair that a housebuilder constructing new homes on virgin land is exempt from VAT, whereas the more environmentally friendly inner-city restorer of derelict premises has to pay VAT every inch of the way — thus putting sensitive restoration at a 17.5 per cent fiscal disadvantage to new build.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR LEIGH,
172 Greenford Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Blindness in focus

From Professor R. A. Weale

Sir, The information contained in "Facts and figures of blindness" (Focus, September 17) appears to rest largely on a report published by the Royal National Institute for the Blind in 1991 on the basis of fewer than 1,000 case studies. The value of that report and of your data is limited by the fact that no information is given on the ethnic composition of those who provided the original information.

The glaucoma you mention is highly prevalent amongst people of Caribbean extraction, cataracts amongst South-East Asians, and age-related retinal diseases amongst white Caucasians. Ocular and other pathologies *are* respecters of persons, and no ethnic group is helped by omission of vital relevant information, however liberal the motivating principles.

The prevalence of some of the conditions you list is reducible. For example, children's "lazy" eyes can sometimes be dealt with if parents are aware of the problem at an early stage; and some cases of diabetic retinopathy, which produces dark patches on the retina, are probably the result of unsuitable dietetic habits in early life. Relevant health education in schools could probably help, in these as in other matters.

Yours very truly,
R. A. WEALE,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.

Closer to heaven

From Mr P. M. Gilmore

Sir, I read Mr Alan Hamilton's account of his ascent of Kilimanjaro ("Ovaltine eschewed, a Scot proves 50 is not the last summit", September 18) with great pleasure. I reached my 80th birthday on September 15 and amongst the activities of the day played squash for 20 minutes or so. I succeeded in scoring ten assorted winning shots, though I regret to say many more losers.

It was my first game for 25 years and I find bifocals a decided disadvantage.

Yours etc,
P. M. GILMORE,
Rose Cottage,
26 Wolsey Road, Esher, Surrey.
September 18.

From Dr Robin Philipp

Sir, I can well understand that the pain experienced by Alan Hamilton during his ascent of Kilimanjaro was more than repaid by the gain of being so close to heaven. At the age of 50, as he reflects, none of us should "gaze down from our last summit into an ever-deepening pit of Ovaltine and modest golf".

I am aged 51. On the day after Mr Hamilton's article I successfully completed, as a single sculler, the 47th Boston rowing marathon in Lincolnshire, a distance of 31 miles. Although my time of 5 hours 33 minutes was bettered by 107 boats from the 136 that started, and I reached the finish exhausted, blistered, dehydrated, numb and with backache, the sense of personal achievement was enormous.

For each of us and at any age and level, sport can yield many deeply fulfilling personal rewards. As it did for me, I hope Alan Hamilton's article will encourage other people.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN PHILIPP,
University of Bristol,
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health Medicine,
Canynge Hall,
Whiteladies Road, Bristol, Avon.
September 20.

TV news quality

From Mr Peter Bell

Sir, David Gordon (letter, September 23) mounts a spirited defence of ITN in the face of criticism from William Rees-Mogg. In doing so, he makes a number of claims to support the notion that ITN is the UK brand-leader in the field of TV news — a questionable assertion, to put it mildly, not least in view of its timing.

When Israeli and PLO leaders signed their historic accord in Washington recently, the event was covered — live and in its entirety — by BBC, where a real as well as rhetorical commitment to high quality news is visible every day throughout the day.

The event was not carried by ITV or Channel Four. Whoever took that decision, it is hard to see how you can be a brand-leader if you're not on the air.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BELL
(Editor, BBC TV News Programmes),
British Broadcasting Corporation,
Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12.

Sir, I refer . . .

From Mr Roger Poole

Sir, Like others of your readers (letters, September 11 and 16), I am something of a reference-book addict. My own especial favourite is *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*: I never cross water without it lest disaster strike and I find myself alone on a desert island with seven gramophone records and only one book.

When looking up the name of Sir Isaac Newton's destructive pet, for instance, I was enslaved for the next ten minutes by the seven doggy columns in this excellent work. I now know that Laplanders call bears the "dogs of God", that Richard II's favourite greyhound left him in favour of Bolingbroke, that "a gay dog" is definitely heterosexual, and that the Surrey sorceress Ludlam owned a dog so lazy that it leaned its head against the wall to bark.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER POOLE,
22 Wimborne Road, Fallings Park,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.
September 16.

From Mr William Ellis-Rees

Sir, For the man who cares about his clothes there is only one reference book. Hardy Amies's *ABC of Men's Fashion* (Newnes, 1964) is tailored to suit every taste ("Clip-on tie: a very useful article of dress for waiter and other quick-change artists") and is generous in its coverage ("Stout man: see fat man"). And can we afford to ignore a couturier who, wearing heart on sleeve, writes of the humble cap: "Change the "p" into "d" and you have "cad"?

Hats off to Hardy Amies!

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM ELLIS-REES.
81 Himley Road, SW17.
September 15.

From Mr G. C. Matthews

Sir, I do *not* enjoy the experience your correspondents describe. As far as I'm concerned they're not called cross-references for nothing.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MATTHEWS,
78 Ifield Road, SW10.

Teacher training

From the Secretary of the Headmasters' Conference

Sir, I cannot accept Professor Pring's argument (letter, September 21) for not using independent schools for training teachers. Generations of our teachers have progressed happily through his department. Whatever may have been said by Dennis Silk (who was never chairman of HMC, as Professor Pring asserts) in the mid-80s, the HMC schools nearest to Oxford would be pleased to renew the partnership.

Student teachers benefit from experience of more than one kind of school during their training. There is much to be gained from having consortia of schools — including comprehensive, independent, sixth-form college, grammar, etc — working together for this purpose.

What is taught in HMC schools is so close to the national curriculum (when that is finally determined) that any gaps which may worry Mr Hunter, whose letter you published with Professor Pring's, could easily be filled during teaching practice in another school. The benefits of using independent schools for training — high academic standards, good staff morale and stability, adequate resources, a wide range of activities, etc — far outweigh the fact that those schools may not be undertaking the more dubious aspects of the national curriculum.

Yours faithfully,
V. S. ANTHONY,
Secretary,
Headmasters' Conference,
130 Regent Road, Leicester.
September 21.

From the Headmaster of Abingdon School

Sir, Contrary to Professor Pring's assertions, independent schools, such as my own, which are close neighbours of the Oxford Department of Educational Studies and most willing to participate in schemes for student training placement, have definitely been rebuffed when offering their services.

Writing to me on January 16, 1991, Professor Pring rejected an offer to take student teachers, saying that "our teacher training is unique in the way in which it is based upon a partnership between the university and the local authority's comprehensive schools".

There is no suggestion, so far as I am aware, that the teaching that could be studied at Abingdon is professionally incompetent; but it is all too clear that fee-paying and selective schools are considered by the department as morally tainted, and that the department's students have been discouraged from having anything to do with them in consequence.

Yours faithfully,
M. St. JOHN PARKER,
Headmaster,
Abingdon School,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
September 21.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 25: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy at the Memorial Service for Group Captain Thomas Gleave (Chief Guinea Pig, the Guinea Pig Club) which was held at St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 25: The Duke of York, Patron, this afternoon started the Whitbread Round the World Race, Portsmouth, and was received by Sir Charles Tidbury (Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire).

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 25: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, today visited Inverness and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Lieutenant Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh RN).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Cartoon Forum, Eden Court.

The Prince Edward afterwards visited the Cameron Community Centre.

His Royal Highness later attended a Luncheon with the Award's Community and Development Officers for the Highlands at Dunain Park Hotel.

The Prince Edward subsequently attended the Inverness Youth Fair, Culloden Academy.

Later this afternoon His Royal Highness, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, visited Stornoway and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Western Isles (the Earl Granville).

The Prince Edward visited the Town Hall to see displays by local youth groups.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Presentation on the Award and Reception at Caberfeidh Hotel.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
September 25: The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Queen Margaret of Scotland, at the Church of St Margaret of Scotland, Braemar.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, The Scottish Ballet, this evening attended a Performance by the Company at His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK
September 25: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Dumfriesshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dumfries and Galloway (Captain Ronald Cunningham-Jardine).

Her Royal Highness opened the Langholm Community Centre and visited Buccleuch Hall, Langholm.

Princess Alexandra later visited the Eskdale Agricultural Show at Castleholm, Langholm.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 26: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend Dr Stewart Todd preached the Sermon.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Camoys (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The State President of the Republic of South Africa and Mrs de Klerk and welcomed them on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 26: The Duke of York this afternoon presented the Ryder Cup Trophy at the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Captain the Viscount Daventry).

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 26: The Princess Royal, Patron, the British Steel Challenge, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Challenge Prize Giving Dinner, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 26: The Prince of Wales, Patron, British Film Institute, this evening attended the Awards Ceremony and presented the Fellowships at the National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Gaelic College at Sabhal Mor Ostaig, Skye, at 11.15.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Northern Ballet Theatre, will attend a gala performance at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield, at 7.40.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, will visit Victoria Barracks, Windsor, at 11.00; and will attend a lecture at the Royal Geographical Society at 6.20.

Nature notes

OSPREYS heading south have been reported here and there over lakes and reservoirs in England: they are large brown and white fish hawks, with a spectacular dive into the water. A few pairs nest regularly in Scotland. Swallows and housemartins are still around their breeding sites: every year, one or two stragglers are seen as late as December. Blackbirds are gorging on hawthorn berries; song thrushes prefer the red fruit of the yew tree which will be ripe next month. Cormorants are coming inland: they sit for hours on the branches of dead trees by the edge of lakes.

On lime trees, the leaves are not so much turning colour as drying up and withering this year. Leaves and twigs strew the ground under oaks and horse-chestnuts, where grey squirrels have been trying to get at acorns and boys have been trying to knock down conkers. Ivy flowers are coming out: wasps are



The osprey

clustering on them to suck up the nectar. Japanese knotweed is a hardy plant much cultivated by the Victorians and now rampaging in waste places: it is a late flowerer and has strings of white blossom on its pink twigs.

DJM

Restored monuments commemorate a great editor



THE Bishop of Reading, the Right Rev John Bone, taking part in a service yesterday to mark formally the restoration of monuments to John Thadeus Delane, editor of *The Times* from 1841 to 1877, and to his family (writes John Young). The service, in the churchyard of St Michael & St Mary Magdalene, Easthampstead, Bracknell, Berkshire, was attended by past and present members of the staff of *The Times* and by descendants of the Walter family, the newspaper's former owners. Addressing the congregation in the church, Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chairman of Times Newspapers, said that even in these days, when youth was so often in the ascendant, Delane's appointment at the age of 23 appeared astonishing. For the next 36 years he guided *The Times* through a period of great international, political and social upheaval. At home there were the repeal of the Corn Laws and the flowering of Britain as an industrial nation; abroad the reshaping of America by the Civil War, and the upheavals in Europe brought about by the Crimean War and the Franco-Prussian War. In a famous series of leading articles in 1852, *The Times* set down the principles by which all newspapers and all journalists should conduct their affairs. They held that the first duty of the press was to obtain the earliest and most correct intelligence of the events of the time and instantly, by disclosing them, to make them the common property of the nation. The press lived by disclosure, and the duty of the journalist was to present to his readers not such things as statecraft would wish them to know, but the truth as near as he could attain it. The restoration of the Delane monuments was carried out by Chris Anstey and paid for by Times Newspapers.

Birthdays today

Miss Diane Abbott, MP, 40; Miss Josephine Barstow, opera singer, 53; Sir Roger Birch, former chief constable, Sussex, 63; Mr Philip Blacker, jockey, 44; Baroness Blackstone, 51; the Earl of Clanwilliam, 74; Miss Barbara Dickson, singer, 45; Mr J.K. Gill, former president, Saatchi and Saatchi, 73; Sir Alexander Graham, former Lord Mayor of London, 55; Mr Nicholas Haslam, interior designer, 54; Sir Peter Holmes, former chairman, Shell Transport and Trading Company, 61; Mr Gordon Honeycombe, broadcaster and author, 57; Mr Denis Lawson, actor, 46; Mr Donald Lindsay, former headmaster, Malvern College, 83; Professor G.H. Martin, former Keeper of Public Records, 65; the Rev Professor D.E. Nineham, theologian, 72; Mr D.A.E.R. Peake, former chairman, Kleinwort Benson Group, 59; General Sir Ian Riches, 85; Dr Margaret Rule, director of research and interpretation, Mary Rose Trust, 65; Lord Shepherd, 75.

Appointments

Richard Lavers to be Ambassador to Ecuador in succession to F B Wheeler, who will be transferring to a new diplomatic service appointment.

Mark Rowland to be a Social Security Commissioner and Child Support Commissioner.

Major General Sir Christopher Airy to be Chairman of the "Not Forgotten" Association for the Ex-Service Disabled.

Henry Edgar Paston-Bedingfeld to be York Herald of Arms in place of Peter Brotherton Spurrier who has resigned.

Miss Elaine Rice Donnelly to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals assigned to the London South Region, from October 1.

Marriages

Mr R.C. Chetwode and Miss S.M. Boylan
The marriage took place on Saturday in Malmesbury Abbey of Mr Richard Chetwode, son of the Hon Christopher and Mrs Chetwode, of Cheriton, Hampshire, to Miss Sheelagh Boylan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Boylan, of Marion, Massachusetts, America. Canon Peter Barton and Father George O'Sullivan officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louisa Chamberlain, Georgina Bevan, Emma and Holly Chetwode, Jessica Neel, Katie Everard, Henry Neel and Edward Leahy. Mr Charles Chetwode was best man.

A reception was held at Langleys Farm, Malmesbury.

Mr N.P. Staheyeff and Miss C.E. Reiter
The marriage took place on September 25 at "La Chapelle de Tous Les Saints", Verbier, Switzerland, of Nicholas, eldest son of the late Mr Peter Staheyeff and Mrs Ann Staheyeff, of Helions Bumpstead, Suffolk, and Christine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Reiter, of Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr B.J. Curtis and Miss C.M. McKay
The marriage took place on Saturday at Abbey Lane United Reformed Church, Saffron Walden, Essex, of Mr Benedict James Curtis, youngest son of Sir Richard and Lady Curtis, of Tarrington, Hereford, to Miss Catriona Margaret McKay, elder twin daughter of Mr William and the Rev Margaret McKay, of Littlebury Green, Essex. The mother of the bride and the Rev E.C. Marvin officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Mrs Elspeth Sagar. Mr Rupert Curtis, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the Duxford Lodge Hotel.

Mr C.C. Thompson and Miss E.N. Brooke
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Adare, Co Limerick, of Mr Charles Thompson, son of Squadron Leader James Thompson, of Mijas, Spain, and of Mrs Diana Thompson, of Malvern, Worcestershire, to Miss Emma Brooke, of Glenbevan, Croom, Co Limerick, only daughter of the late Sir George Brooke, Bt, and of Lady Melissa Brooke, of Glenbevan, Croom, Co Limerick. The Right Rev Edward Darling, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, officiated, assisted by the Ven Michael Nuttall, Archdeacon of Limerick.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Sir Francis Brooke, Bt, was attended by Mairead Ryan, Carolina Beresford and Emily Robarts, Lord Le Poer, Alexander Bell, Charles Barklem and George Brooke. Mr Jonny McIrvine was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Memorial services

The Earl of Westmorland
A Memorial Service for the 15th Earl of Westmorland will be held at the Guards Chapel at 2.30pm on Tuesday, November 2.

Mr Kit Garnett
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Kit Garnett will be held in Eton College Chapel on Monday, October 18, at 2.45pm.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
COMMANDER: W B Geddes - MoD Yeovilton 25.3.94; P A Jellyman - Illustrious 18.1.94; T J Lankester - Defiance 25.3.94; J M C Maughan - Britannia 23.3.94.
SURGEON COMMANDER: S D Evans - St Vincent 6.5.94.
SURGEON COMMANDER (D): R C Sunderson - RNH Haslar 11.1.94; S D B Taylor - Sultan 16.11.93.
Retirements
REAR ADMIRAL: D E Bawtree - 20.11.93; J A L Myres - 16.4.94.
CAPTAIN: C T Langdon - 1.12.93; I D Mackenzie - 1.12.93; P D Mansfield - 1.12.93.
COMMANDER: P M Jones - 1.12.93.

The Army
COLONEL: V Batchelor - to be OIC MRO Chester, 27.9.93; A J Dobson - To be DA/MA Panama City, 27.9.93; R K Fawcus - To HQ UKLF, 27.9.93.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: R M Crosskey RE - To Army Air Appts (Strike Comd) 27.9.93; G C Kershaw RE - To HQ RSME, 27.9.93; T Maley AGC(ETS) - To MOD, 27.9.93; J P Moreland R Signals - To BLO Post USA, 1.10.93; J W G Rogers RE - To HQ RSME, 27.9.93; K M Ryan R Anglian - To be CO Sp Unit HQ Sch of Inf, 27.9.93; P R Sharpe REME - To be CO 1 Bn REME, 27.9.93; R C A Titwaites R Signals - To MOD, 27.9.93; R K Morrison AGC(ETS) - To be CO AGC Depot & HQ Winchester Gar, 27.9.93; I D Crate RAMC - To RAM Coll, 1.10.93.
Retirements
BRIGADIER: A B Atkinson Late ACC, 1.10.93; J N B Lacey Late RE, 1.10.93; B J Willing Late R Hamps, 1.10.93; G Bulloch Late Queens, 2.10.93.
COLONEL: D G W Gardiner Late R Signals, 3.10.93; P M R Hill Late RE 1.10.93.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: C P Lumb - To Washington 27.9.93; B C Laite - To RAFC Cranwell
GROUP CAPTAIN: M H White - To EWOSE RAF Wyton 24.9.93; P A Smith - To MOD 24.9.93; I Sloss - To MOD 24.9.93; D W Gerrard - To MOD 27.9.93; F C Rance - To MOD 27.9.93.
WING COMMANDER: K R Daniels - To RAF Uxbridge 27.9.93; D L McConnell - To RAFSC 27.9.93; I J Cromarty - To RAF Brize Norton 27.9.93; S G Artus - To 4FTS Valley 27.9.93; S G Coulter - To HQRAFSC 27.9.93; M J Wrigley - To HQ AFNORTH RAFE 27.9.93.

Dinner

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
The Annual Dinner of The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland was held last Friday at the Moat House International Hotel, Glasgow after a joint meeting of the association with the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. The President of the Association of Anaesthetists, Dr W.R. MacRae and Mrs MacRae, welcomed the guests, who included:
Baillie G Macdiarmid; Miss Mary Kenny, Dr and Mrs A C Walker, Professor and Mrs Donald Campbell, Professor and Mrs D Bevan, Professor and Mrs W Bowman, Dr and Mrs T B Boulton, Professor and Mrs M D Vickers, Dr P J F Baskett, The Very Rev A Herron and Mrs Herron, Dr and Mrs A Doughty, Professor and Mrs A A Spence, Professor R S J Clarke, Dr B M Q Weaver, Mr and Mrs W Pyle, Dr and Mrs H Burns, Mr D Main, Dr and Mrs A B M Telfer, Dr and Mrs R Kendell, Professor and Mrs C Edwards, Dr and Mrs A D Toft, Professor and Mrs B Whiting, Professor and Mrs W Fitch, Professor A Aitkenhead and Dr and Mrs J A W Wildsmith.

Service reunion

RAF Tempsford Association
Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges presided at the annual Tempsford reunion (138 and 161 Squadrons) held on Saturday at the Anchor Inn, Tempsford, Bedfordshire.

Glaziers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Glaziers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr N. Burston; Upper Warden, Mr J.B.R. Vartan; Renter Warden, Mr P.G. Lowe.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R. Capstick-Dale and Miss L.E. Klein
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr Rodney Capstick-Dale, of London, SW3, and Mrs Sheelagh Capstick-Dale, of Bristol, and Lynn, daughter of Mr and Mrs William T. Klein, of Locust Valley, New York.

Mr C.M. Cox and Miss T.A. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Christopher Cox, of Westwood, Wiltshire, and Tessa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Taylor, of Carlton-le-Moorland, Lincolnshire.

Mr R.N. Egerton and Miss J. Konii
The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs Kit Egerton, of Great Edstone, Yorkshire, and Junri, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Yasushi Konii, of Azabu, Tokyo.

Mr G.N. Herbert and Miss C. Hansen
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Herbert, of Perth, Australia, and Carol, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Hansen, of Sydney, Australia.

Captain A.I. Langley-Poole and Miss A.B. Leakey
The engagement is announced between Ambrose, son of Mrs Patricia Langley-Poole, of Swindon, and Mr Conrad Ambrose Langley-Poole, of Frankfurt, and Anna, daughter of Dr Richard Leakey, of Nairobi, and Dr Margaret Avery, of Cape Town.

Mr J.A.F. Martin and Miss H.S.I.S. Lawrie
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Tony Martin and Mrs Timothy Cutler, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr Alex Lawrie and Mrs Andrew Lavy.

Mr J.A.B. Pinkney and Miss G.C. Richards
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs B.I. Pinkney, of Horndean, Hampshire, and Olivia, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Richards, of Tiverton, Devon.

Mr C.J. Sandy and Miss E.K. Phillips
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Sandy, of Milford, Surrey, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nevill Phillips, of Goodmans Barn, Stansted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr F.D. Startin and Miss C.L. Ashton
The engagement is announced between Frank David, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Startin, of Burton on Trent, and Christine Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ashton, of Stafford.

Mr R.G. Stoney and Miss M.C.K. Fulton
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.S. Stoney, of Monxton, Hampshire, formerly of Easton, Hampshire, and Maria Caroline, only daughter of Dr and Mrs M. Fulton, of Woodcote, Oxfordshire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Adams, American independence leader, Boston, 1722; George Cruikshank, caricaturist, London, 1792; Alfred Mahan, naval historian, West Point, New York, 1840; Louis Botha, 1st prime minister of South Africa 1910-19, Greytown, South Africa, 1862; Sir William Empson, critic, Yokefleet, Yorkshire, 1906.

DEATHS: William of Wykeham, chancellor, Bishop of Winchester, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, 1404; Rémy de Gourmont, poet and philosopher, Paris, 1915; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris, 1917; Adelina Patti, Baroness Cederstrom, soprano, Wales, 1919; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, Neustrelitz, Germany, 1921; Aristide Maillol, painter and sculptor, Banyuls-sur-Mer, 1944; Clara Bow, the "it" girl film star, Los Angeles, 1965; Dame Gracie Fields, singer, Capri, 1979.

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BIRTHS

FAILÉ - On 3rd September to Caron (née Painter) and Michel, a daughter, Aimée Sarah Claudia.

HURST- On September 23rd, to Wendy (née Hughes) and Richard, a son (Edward Richard Graham 'Teddy'), a brother for Louisa and Georgina.

LEVACK - On September 13th in Ottignies, Belgium, to Dominique and John, a son, Edward John, a brother for Sophie.

WOOD - On September 22nd, to Joanna (née Kitchin) and Nicholas, a daughter, Charlotte.

DEATHS

BENHAM - Helen, ARIBA, of London, died at home 22nd September 1993. Private cremation. All friends welcome at a Thanksgiving Service at St George's Church, Campden Hill, Aubrey Walk, W8, on Sunday 10th October at 3 pm.

CLARK - On September 24th, Col. John Hudson Clark MC DL aged 74, two weeks after his beloved wife Ruth Marion. Much loved father of Jane, Sally and William. Funeral at Twinstead Church on 30th September at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations to the Royal Engineers Benevolent Fund.

DEATHS

FRYER - On 22nd September 1993, peacefully in hospital and of Davenham, Cheshire, Henrietta (Rita), aged 85 years, much loved wife of the late Douglas Fryer. Funeral Service in Davenham Parish Church on Friday 1st October at 11 am followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Davenham Parish Church may be sent to the Funeral Directors, J.A. Whiston, King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, tel: (0565) 632644.

HAIG - On September 20th 1993 after a long illness faced with courage, Hugh dear husband of Maureen and loved brother of Beth Tippel, Nancy and Tom. Requiem Mass at St Philips Priory, Begbroke, on Wednesday 29th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, London, SW3 3TZ.

LIVINGSTONE - On 23rd September, peacefully, Janet Muriel aged 91. Dearly loved wife of the late James and mother of Sally, Niel and Quentin. Funeral on Friday 8th October at 2.30 pm at Eastbourne Crematorium. Family flowers only.

LUMLEY-ELLIS - Esmond Percy. On 24th September peacefully at home, much loved husband of Rosemary and Father of Charles and Robert, daughter-in-law Clare, Laurence and Matthew. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Salvation Army. Funeral at 2pm 29th September. All Saints Church, Crondall.

DEATHS

MURCOTT - Jean, widow of Howard Murcott, on 23rd September peacefully in Horsham Community Hospital, much loved mother of Kenneth and Sheena. Funeral at Crawley Crematorium 11.45am Tuesday 28th September. No flowers, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

PERKINS - On 24th September, peacefully after a courageous and dignified fight against cancer, Christopher Edwin Shuttleworth. Much loved husband of Sheila, father of Sally, Joy, Tim and Zelda, brother of Prudence. Family service at Baverstock on 28th September and service of thanksgivin at St. Marys, Dinton on Thursday 30th September at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. If wished donations to Salisbury Macmillan unit.

PHILLIPS - On September 24th 1993 peacefully at her home in Ham, Wiltshire, Tanis. Funeral Service at Ham Church, Thursday 30th September 1993 at 3.30pm.

POTTER - Helen Constance (née Blackstone) of Stamford, died peacefully at home on 24th September 1993 aged 85. Funeral service will take place on Wednesday 29th September at 11am at St Mary's Church, Stamford. Donations if her memory maybe sent to The Church of England Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London SW11 4QD.

DEATHS

POUND - On September 22nd 1993 peacefully in hospital, Wendy Jean. Much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service Thursday September 30th 2 pm at Canford Crematorium Bristol. Flowers to R. Davies & Sons, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol. Donations to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ROWLANDS - On 21st September at Dudley House Nursing Home, Isleworth, Elsie Rowlands, wife of the late John Rowlands of Kew Gardens, Surrey. Funeral Service at the Barn Church, Attwood Avenue, Kew, Surrey, on Thursday 30th September 1993 at 12 noon followed by private interment at Richmond Cemetery. Flowers to T.H. Sanders or donations if desired to MacMillan Fund c/o T.H. Sanders & Sons, 28/30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey. (081) 948-1581.

VARLEY - Kathleen, formerly of Hook, Basingstoke, passed peacefully away in Beech House Nursing Home, on 7th September 1993 aged 81 years. The funeral will be private but enquiries can be made to Cyril H. Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, Reading, RG4 0BA, tel: (0734) 461393.

WARBURTON - On 23rd September, at home after a short illness, David Victor Lever, aged 68. Beloved husband of Susan, and dearest father of Caroline, Arabella and Piers. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday 4th October at 11.30 am at St Lawrence Church, Seale. Please no flowers, but donations if wished to the gardens and grounds of Seale and Sands Churches, c/o The Rectory, Seale, near Farnham, Surrey.

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KENSIT, John, publishing solicitor, at 12 noon Tuesday 28th September at St. Brides Church, Fleet Street, EC4

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OBITUARIES

SIR JOHN MOORES



Sir John Moores, CBE, founder of the Littlewoods Organisation, and its chairman, 1924-77, and 1980-82, died at his home in Freshfield, Merseyside, on September 25 aged 97. He was born in Eccles, Lancashire, on January 25, 1896.

JHN MOORES was as close to the chetypal self-made north countryan as one might find north of the ent. He was the founder and life esident of the Littlewoods Organision, the largest family-owned comny in Britain, whose activities clude football pools, a mail order vision, chain stores and credit data arketing services. Even in "retireent" Moores was actively involved in ort and the arts, and in helping the ung people of Merseyside.

He was the son of a building desman and the eldest child of a mily of eight. He left school at 14 to be GPO messenger boy at six shillings a eek, but by his early thirties had ade his first fortune, out of football ols. He did the same thing with an rly form of mail-order (this part of ttlewoods is now among the largest siness of its kind in Britain), and th chain stores.

He built a rigidly self-financing ivate empire and died probably the chest commercial giant in the coun, with a fortune popularly estimated £1.5 billion. Yet through it all he mained modestly provincial, intent doing good — as with handicapped ildren and a boys' association — in d around Liverpool where the JM entre, headquarters of the ttlewoods Organisation, became a ominent feature on the city skyline.

ution, thrift, an insatiable appetite work and a distaste for personal blicity were the hallmarks of his rsonal style.

He finally stepped down as chairan of Littlewoods Organisation in 32, but took on the office of life esident. His only regret, he said at time, was that he could not see his y to continuing in the post for other 50 years. His interest in the airs of the company remained abated. As one journalist who erviewed him in the 1950s remarked, John Moores was a goodtured busybody as well as erything else. But if he cast a long adow over the JM Centre it was



because he had the stature, albeit in the patriarchal and paternalistic mould.

After Moores's first job as a post office messenger he trained as a telegraph operator. He joined the Royal Navy in 1916 as a wireless telegraphist and was stationed at Aberdeen. After the war telegraphy took him in 1921 to County Kerry with the Commercial Cable Company. His mother had inculcated in him the habit of thrift and with what he saved from his various jobs he started his first business in his spare time. At first he supplied equipment to a local golf club before forming a company to sell general goods, including books and stationery.

The year 1923 saw him setting up business in Liverpool — a football pool, run with two partners, whose first ever dividend was £2 12s (£2.60). The venture lost money and Moores bought out his partners, persevering into the 1924-25 season, helped by one girl assistant and one of his sisters. Then his brother, Cecil, came in as manager.

The business was so successful that by 1932 he was able to disengage himself sufficiently from pools promotion to start up Littlewoods Mail Order Store. This exploited the idea which he had first tried out in Ireland of getting customers to save over a period of weeks in a club until there was sufficient money to buy whatever goods the customer wanted. It was only later that the concept of credit, now so much part of the mail order business, was developed.

By 1936, with the club's business booming, he was starting up the Littlewoods Chain Stores Division and opened his first store in Blackpool in the following year. Three years later, not only had he a highly profitable pools and mail order business, but there were 24 chain stores operating in various parts of the country.

During the war various Littlewoods buildings were turned over to producing munitions, barrage balloons, parachutes and other safety equipment. By 1944 there were 16 Moores factories involved in war work, employing some 44,000 people.

The Moores drive after the war went into development of the retailing empire. In 1960 he relinquished his association with the pools, dominant in its field, leaving it in the control of his brother Cecil.

There are now six companies in the mail order division which is the second largest mail order business in Britain. There are also well over 100 stores in this country, with a progressive expansion programme which has, over the years, added new and much larger stores. The Littlewoods Organisation now employs some 30,000 people — a third of them in the northwest of England — with another 5,000 in the pools division.

Moores was reckoned to be the second wealthiest man in Britain and ninth wealthiest in Europe. But he lived in a modest four-bedroomed house in Merseyside. Sport was one of his great interests: he was twice chairman of Everton Football Club. Among many local interests he was chairman of the Liverpool Motorists' Annual Outing for Physically Handicapped Children. He also organised biennially, together with Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery, a national painting competition for which he put up the prize money. Painting, with modern languages, were his other main interests.

John Moores was appointed CBE in 1972 and knighted in 1980. In 1923 he married Ruby Knowles, daughter of a Liverpool shipping clerk. She died in 1965. There are two sons, one of whom, Peter, is a director of the organisation, and two daughters.

BRUNO PONTECORVO

Bruno Pontecorvo, the Italian born physicist who caused an atomic secrets scare in 1950 when he defected to the Soviet Union while working at the atomic energy establishment at Harwell, died in hospital at Dubna, Russia, on September 25 aged 80. He was born on August 22, 1913.

"GOODBYE, everybody — Bruno" was the message with which Bruno Pontecorvo announced his defection, on a holiday postcard from Italy to his colleagues at Britain's top-secret nuclear research establishment at Harwell. The cheerful message caused, in equal measure, consternation and puzzlement. The Americans feared that Pontecorvo might have taken with him to the Soviet Union the secret of producing tritium, a vital ingredient of hydrogen bombs, as well as improved plutonium, for improved atomic bombs. The West's lead in nuclear weapon technology stood, in the American view, in peril of being compromised. To his colleagues at Harwell it was a mystery why this friendly, extrovert scientist — who had become a naturalised British citizen so that he could feel secure of continued employment in this country's nuclear industry — should have defected to the Soviet Union when he did.

To a certain extent the mystery continues to this day. When, years later in 1978, Pontecorvo was invited to a scientific conference in Rome, he denied that, in 1950, he had taken nuclear secrets of any value to the Russians: "I have never worked on the atomic bomb, the hydrogen bomb, or any other bomb," he declared to Italian academics.

But there was a long tradition of communism in the Pontecorvo family, and it may well be that Bruno Pontecorvo felt, in the final analysis, more at home working in the country to which his deep-seated political ideology drew him. Or it may simply have been that Pontecorvo felt himself to be under suspicion at Harwell, after reporting to the security authorities there that his own brother, Gilberto, was a communist. It is not certain, even now, that when he left for Italy with his family on holiday in the summer of 1950, he had definitely formed the resolution never to return to Britain.

Bruno Pontecorvo was born into a Jewish family at Marina di Pisa, on the Ligurian coast of Italy at the mouth of the River Arno. He was one of eight children of Massimo Pontecorvo, a textile executive. He took his doctorate in physics at Rome University, where, with five others he wrote an influential paper entitled "Artificial radio-activity produced by neutron bombardment". But soon afterwards he left Italy to continue his research in Paris under Irene Joliot-Curie. He was also a research assistant at the laboratory of nuclear chemistry at the Collège de France. In January 1940 he married a Norwegian, Marianne Nordbloom.

When the Germans invaded France in May 1940 Pontecorvo and his wife escaped through Spain and Portugal and made their way by



Pontecorvo walking along Moscow's Gorky Street

ship to the United States. He applied for US citizenship and worked with American nuclear physicists for some time until, in 1943, he was invited to join the Anglo-Canadian atomic research team at Montreal. Later, he worked for five years on the Anglo-Canadian Chalk River project.

In 1948 he took out British nationality and in the following year he came to Britain where he went to work at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority research station at Harwell. A popular colleague as well as a gifted scientist, he appeared to be utterly happy and well-adjusted to the country he had adopted. Indeed, he often used to say that he would take out the nationality of any country that would allow him to continue his work in nuclear physics. He and his wife and their three sons enjoyed social life in Britain and he was a keen sportsman.

He may, however, have been uneasy about the secrecy which necessarily surrounded the research at Harwell. He was known to be keen on working in an open, university atmosphere and, early in 1950, had accepted an invitation to become the second professor of physics at Liverpool University. But, for reasons best known to himself, he had told a security officer at Harwell that his brother was a communist. Thereafter he appeared to feel that this admission had placed him, too, under a certain amount of suspicion.

Certainly, after leaving with his family for their Italian holiday he met his brother in Rome and whatever transpired between them seems to have persuaded him to defect. From Rome Pontecorvo took a flight to Stockholm with his wife and family, but went on immediately from there to Helsinki. From the airport at Helsinki he was met by a Russian car and the Pontecorvo family disappeared over the Soviet frontier.

For some years there was little news of Bruno Pontecorvo. It was not until 1955 that he was paraded at a Moscow press conference, as Comrade Bruno Maximovich, of the grandiloquently styled International Centre of Research in the Peaceful Use of Atomic Energy, at Dubna. He was, then and afterwards, to emphasise his interest in the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Indeed, it appeared that his entire experience to the date of his defection had been in atomic piles and the production of new elements. For their part, the Russians, though pleased to have any senior Western nuclear physicist on their side, do not appear to have made great propaganda use of his presence among them.

Pontecorvo was showered with the usual gamut of Soviet honours, including the Order of Lenin and, on his 70th birthday in 1983, the Order of the October Revolution for his contribution to the physical sciences. No objection had been made by the Soviet authorities to his being granted a visa when he was invited, in 1978, to a conference in Rome to celebrate the work of his old teacher, Enrico Amaldi.

Pontecorvo leaves his widow and three sons.

LORD GALPERN

Lord Galpern, who as Myer Galpern was Labour MP for Glasgow Shettleston, 1959-1979, died on September 23 aged 90. He was born in 1903.

'ER Galpern started his eer in another age. He was cted to Glasgow Corporai in 1932. It was the rmath of the 1931 rout ich saw Labour retain only seats in Scotland. He ved Glasgow Corporation, Commons and the Lords il his death. It was a arkable record.

He was politically a man of left in those early days, king his way in the Indedent Labour Party. He pported Jimmy Maxton in posing affiliation to the bour party which he did not l until the late 1940s. He s active in the General ike and a determined paci-. Able and energetic, his rticular interest was educa-. He believed that it was most effective way of viding opportunity.

n later years Galpern ame more of a hierarchical ure, rather removed from to day political infighting. was elected Lord Provost of sgow in 1958 and the radical past was submerged in official duties. There was indeed some ribald criticism when he sent his son to a fee-paying school ("Gordonstoun for the boys" was the distinctly pointed musical comment of the time).

He was, however, an outstanding Provost whose period in office was cut short when he followed John McGovern as MP for Shettleston in 1959. As sometimes happens he found it difficult to move from the power and prominence of high municipal office to the doubtful influence of a backbencher.

He did not in fact reach the front bench but this never worried him. He came to the Commons in his mid-fifties and developed a career which followed logically from his time as Lord Provost, joining the Chairman's Panel and becoming Deputy Speaker in 1974.

Myer Galpern was a small dapper man who dressed formally even when not in the uniform of a Deputy Speaker. He was irascible in manner. In the chair he stood no nonsense. He was not someone who would defuse a difficult situation by allowing the discontented to let off steam. He did not suffer fools gladly and made that very obvious. He was by nature a disciplinarian and the troublemaker who thought he could risk one more protest was always in danger of walking. He was at the centre of the storm during some violent passages of the Scotland Act



and in the Winter of Discontent in the dying days of the Callaghan government. His peppery style proved remarkably effective and he was often credited with getting the right result in a difficult situation. To succeed in the chair takes character.

In 1979 he went to the Lords and was a regular attender right to the end. He was a familiar figure on the London shuttle despite the problems that came with great age. Galpern believed in public service and was determined to make his contribution.

He came from a well-established Jewish family. The early records describe him as a house furnisher but he started out to be a doctor before joining the family business. He was a Glaswegian through and through. He was a reminder of long-standing links — of the Jewish community, the great days of the ILP and the postwar dominance of the Labour party which today holds all 11 parliamentary seats in the city.

Galpern was greatly respected and there are many in Parliament and in his Shettleston constituency who can recall acts of kindness and generosity over the years. During his long life Glasgow faced difficult times as its traditional industrial power drained away. Galpern had great pride in his city. He did well at Westminster but he remained essentially a Glasgow man.

He married, in 1940, Alice Campbell Stewart. They had a son and a daughter.

AUSTIN COOLEY

Austin G. Cooley, a telecommunications pioneer who invented the transmission of pictures by radio and helped to develop the fax machine, died in Sequim, Washington State, on September 7 aged 93. He was born in Seattle.

AUSTIN COOLEY never graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — he was much too busy inventing things to study for his exams. It was while he was a student at MIT in the 1920s that he designed and engineered transmitters that could translate a photographic negative into electrical signals for transmission by radio or telephone. Once received, the signals were electronically decoded and encrypted on to film.

Cooley went on to develop his device into a machine that could transmit positive images, and in 1935 achieved the first transmission of news pictures for *The New York Times* when the United States Navy dirigible *Macon* exploded over the Pacific. As a result of these experiments he was hired by the paper to develop a facsimile machine that was small enough for a person to carry and to transmit stories over regular long-distance telephone lines. It took several decades of research and development, spearheaded by Cooley and financed by various corporate sponsors, but the final result was today's fax machine.

In all, Cooley held more than 75 patents for inventions in his field, one of the most valuable being a device to enable the transmission of weather maps to ships at sea. Perfected in the 1950s, it proved a major advance in marine navigation.

GUY DOUVIER

Guy Douvier, Paris couturier, died in Paris on September 7 aged 65. He was born in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 1928.

OVER a period of twenty years, Guy Douvier created the ready-to-wear collections of the Guy Laroche house, introducing a relaxed, sporting and American look to luxury ready-to-wear clothes.

Douvier took over much of the running of the famous, if financially troubled, couture house upon the death of Guy Laroche in 1989. He helped spread the Laroche label around the world via boutiques.

In all, he had been a fashion figure for 42 years. He arrived in Paris from New Caledonia at the age of 20 and first studied painting at the Ecole des Beaux Arts. He began selling sketches of designs to various fashion houses, founding his own fashion workshop on the Place de la Madeleine in 1950 at the age of 22. His first collection came soon afterwards.

National Service meant the closure of his young house but upon demobilisation he was introduced to Coco Chanel who had reopened her famous couture business. His work alongside her on her tailored suits was to be a turning point of his career. Then came the American experience.

An American buyer, who had known him from his Place de la Madeleine period, offered him a job in New York where he stayed for four years. This experience led him to a post as director of Christian Dior's luxury ready-to-wear collection in New York. He shuttled the Atlantic and collaborated in Paris with Marc Bohan and Yves St Laurent.

Laroche, who moved to a town house opposite Dior, saw in Douvier the man to develop a ready-to-wear business to complement his own young look with its short dresses, orange salmon colours, scooped backs, pearled cocktail and evening dress as well as pleated coats.

Douvier directed the Laroche-created studio, working with fabric and style designers to develop Guy Laroche Diffusion and Guy Laroche Boutique collections. With his longtime assistant, Jean-Pierre Marty, he introduced recently a sophisticated jeans look.

He leaves a widow.



Guy Douvier and one of the Laroche models

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"QUEEN MARY" LAUNCHED.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CLYDEBANK, SEPT. 26

Then came the moment for which the whole Empire was waiting. Lord Aberconway, on behalf of John Brown and Co., presented a casket to the Queen and asked her to launch and name the 534, as the ship may be called for the last time. Her Majesty severed a cord, which broke a bottle of Australian wine against the side of the ship—and, incidentally, drenched a Press photographer in the process, to the great delight of the spectators. Then, amid breathless silence, the Queen pressed the launching button which sped the vessel on its way to the river. As one watched the great slide gracefully into the water, it was difficult to realise that the Queen's action in pressing the launching button had, in fact, set this mass of steel in motion. But this was no occasion of camouflage. During the morning, the workmen, in pouring rain, had been making the final preparations. Swinging their hammers in unison, they had rammed home the countless finely tapered wedges which had lifted the hull a fraction of an inch above the position in which it had been built. When there was no doubt that she was resting firmly in the cradle the launching " triggers " were " cocked ", and it was these six " triggers " which the Queen actually released when she pressed the button.

These " triggers " are massive sets of triple-acting bell-crank levers, each of them, as was pointed out in the Cunard White Star Number of *The Times* yesterday, sustaining a load far greater than had ever been contemplated in like circumstances. Once the " triggers " had been cocked with a special device to ensure that none of them should be released before the appropriate moment, the blocks and shores on which the vessel had been built were finally removed. The upper surfaces of the great slides, the better part of 1,000ft. in length and over 10ft. in width, had received their final coating of tallow and soft soap, and by the time the Royal party arrived, the whole weight of the ship had settled solidly into the launching cradle, and the engineers in charge were ready to give the " all clear " signal.

For a moment, as the Queen touched the button, the vessel seemed to quiver, and thousands of people uttered a silent prayer that she would take the water without mishap. Then the ship slowly gathered speed, and as she began her descent the voice of the Queen could be heard through the microphones saying in clear tones: " I am happy to name this ship ' Queen Mary.' I wish success to her and to all who sail in her." There was an outburst of cheering, which would have been more prolonged but for the fact that the attention of every spectator was inevitably diverted from the Royal pavilion to the vessel herself. As she descended to the river it was clear that any anxiety about the entire success of the launch was at an end. The ship gathered speed slowly and surely, and the records will show that from the time the great vessel began to move until she entered the water only about 54 seconds had elapsed . . .

ON THIS DAY

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NEWS

Smith wins union support

■ Four leading trade unions threw their weight behind John Smith last night, boosting his chances of pushing through proposals to reduce the union role in Labour Party affairs.

On a day marked by renewed controversy over Labour's taxation plans, Mr Smith declared that "the tide is running in our favour" for a vote on which he has staked his authority as leader. But his chances of winning Wednesday's vote to end the formal role of the unions in selecting parliamentary candidates remain finely balanced..... **Pages 1, 10**

Yeltsin offers carrot and stick

■ A buoyant President Yeltsin yesterday blended threats to crush all opposition with a hint of possible compromise in the Russian power battle. He issued Russia's powerful regional leaders an ultimatum to back his dissolution of the Supreme Soviet or face dismissal..... **Pages 1, 14**

Talks 'immoral'

A peace initiative drawn up by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, and John Hume, leader of the SDLP, Northern Ireland's nationalist leaders, was dismissed by Unionist politicians as immoral and disgraceful..... **Pages 1, 2**

Goodbye, John

John Major and John Smith are out of fashion. Their given name has suffered an amazing decline in popularity, to 40th place, according to a new edition of *The Guinness Book of Names* **Page 1**

Legal threat

The man at the centre of the arms-to-Iraq affair is considering legal action against the government for allegedly trying to cover up its role in the export of defence-related equipment to Iraq, *The Times* has been told... **Pages 2, 19**

Race arrests

More than 50 ultra right-wing supporters of the British National Party were arrested in a pre-emptive strike aimed at preventing a third weekend of race-related violence..... **Page 3**

Advice for Major

John Major is being strongly advised by senior Conservatives to strengthen his Downing Street team in the wake of the débâcle of his Far East trip..... **Page 2**

Lockerbie plea

The two Libyan agents suspected of the Lockerbie airliner bombing were willing to stand trial in Switzerland, their Libyan lawyer, Ibrahim Legwell said..... **Page 12**

Paralysed mind

What we are witnessing after nine games of *The Times* World Chess Championship is the tragedy of a powerful mind, that of Nigel Short, transfixed and paralysed by a great one, Garry Kasparov..... **Pages 9, 44**

Greeks in battle

Constantine Mitsotakis and Andreas Papandreou are once again engaged in a bruising fight for the votes of the Greek electorate..... **Page 15**

Crying Woolf

Lord Justice Woolf warns the government and the prison service of the danger of retreating from promises to introduce far-reaching changes to life in Britain's jails..... **Page 7**

Lawyers' cabal

Leading barristers are launching a campaign to end the secret system by which members of the Bar are chosen on the advice of the Lord Chancellor for promotion to Queen's Counsel..... **Page 9**

Cooling the tempo

After weeks of campaigning that convinced the public that France is the victim of a US-led plot to purloin its wealth, officials and some of the media are trying to quell the flames..... **Page 15**

Cyprus move

With the Falklands war officially a distant memory, Argentine soldiers have arrived in Cyprus to keep the peace between Greek and Turk..... **Page 14**

Marriage still popular — for now

■ The institution of marriage is beleaguered as never before with changed sexual and social attitudes forcing couples to re-evaluate the way they share their lives. Yet belief in marriage is deeply rooted. The *Times* poll shows that respect for marriage as a core national value still holds sway, although this support is being eroded..... **Pages 5, 18, 19**



Finishers showing signs of exhaustion yesterday at the end of the Reebok/The Times National Fun Run. **Page 2; results, page 31**

SPORT

Golf: The US retained the Ryder Cup at The Belfry when they turned a 12½-10½ points deficit against Great Britain and Europe into a 15-13 victory, winning five of the last six singles..... **Page 23, 25**

Football: An 87th-minute equaliser from Jason Dozzell enabled Tottenham Hotspur to draw 2-2 with Ipswich at Portman Road in the FA Carling Premiership. In division one, Charlton and Crystal Palace drew 0-0..... **Pages 28, 29**

Rugby Union: After nine years, a record-equalling 58 internationals and 34 tries for New Zealand, John Kirwan has been dropped for the All Blacks' tour of England and Scotland..... **Page 24**

BUSINESS

Fiscal duties: Leading economies are duty-bound to tackle their fiscal deficits in the hope that a climate can be created for easing monetary conditions, the Chancellor told the G7 meeting..... **Page 44**

Job division: Alan Sugar is planning to split the roles of chairman and chief executive at Amstrad, the electronics company. Mr Sugar will remain chairman and will recruit a chief executive..... **Page 44**

Good and bad news: Retailers face a tough market with greater competition, according to a report out today. It is good news for consumers, though, as overseas retailers queue to bring their low cost formats to Britain..... **Pages 41, 42**

Life enhancers: "Work, it seems, makes you happy because it forces you to do things you would rather avoid." Libby Purves on taskmasters..... **Page 16**

Quintessentially English: The Mulberry company has never moved too far from tradition, but there are always surprising elements in the collection..... **Page 17**

Anxious inquest: Four weeks of sound and occasional fury about student places eventually signified next to nothing. The universities and their admissions agencies are still trying to work out what happened..... **Page 33**

Proving them wrong: Even before her "Girlie Show" arrived in town, the knives were out for Madonna. But Alan Jackson found pop's most willing sinner more than a match for her detractors..... **Page 37**

Laughing until it hurts: Simon Donald's black comedy was the hit of the 1992 Edinburgh Festival. Now it has arrived in London, in a production at the Donmar Warehouse that left Benedict Nightingale in stiches..... **Page 38**

Books: During four solitary years as a Beirut hostage, Terry Waite had to confront his own vanity and self-deception. Now he talks about his captivity in his book, *Taken on Trust*..... **Page 39**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Michael Schumacher, of Germany, who won the Portuguese grand prix at Estoril. Alain Prost came second, but won the world championship Page 26



Jane Poynter, a British member of the "biospherians", who emerged from the glass bubble that has been their home for the past two years Page 12



Akebono, the Hawaiian sumo grand champion, whose defeat saved the Japanese sport from losing another title to a foreigner Page 13

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Dream destroyed in flames

■ A year ago tomorrow, Flight PK 268 to Kathmandu ploughed its way down a mountainside. The 35 remarkable Britons who died were all heading for Nepal to fulfil a dream

A fond farewell to song

■ One of the great operatic voices of the century bids farewell to the British stage. Marilyn Horne talks to Rodney Milnes

The lawyers clean up

■ The computer users' nightmare has become a lawyers' dream: between £75 million and £100 million in cases is moving towards the courts

TELEVISION

Robbie Coltrane plays a Manchester-based criminal psychologist helping the police to solve crime is a new thriller series, *Cracker* (ITV, 9pm)..... **Page 43**

COMMENT

Out of time

The Opposition leader must win the battle over Omov. That is a necessary condition of a Labour victory at the next election. But it is by no means sufficient. *Mr Smith* still has a long way to go.. **Page 19**

A dangerous cure

The greatest obstacles facing President Clinton are not political or financial but cultural. Americans, used to an individualistic system of health care, may ask whether the cure is worse than the sickness..... **Page 19**

Yes or no, minister?

What is emerging from the Scott tribunal is the distasteful indifference of ministers and officials to the consequences of what they were doing and an irritation with the suggestion that public scrutiny might have improved the quality of their decisions..... **Page 19**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Many religions have believed that the dedication to God of priests, monks or nuns should be the dedication of the whole life, nothing less. The Dalai Lama does not have a Mrs Dalai Lama: the Romans had an honoured place for the vestal virgins..... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

Anyone wanting to understand what is wrong with the Labour Party should see David Hare's new play, *The Absence of War*, a barely disguised account of Neil Kinnock and his election advisers... **Page 18**

MATTHEW PARRIS

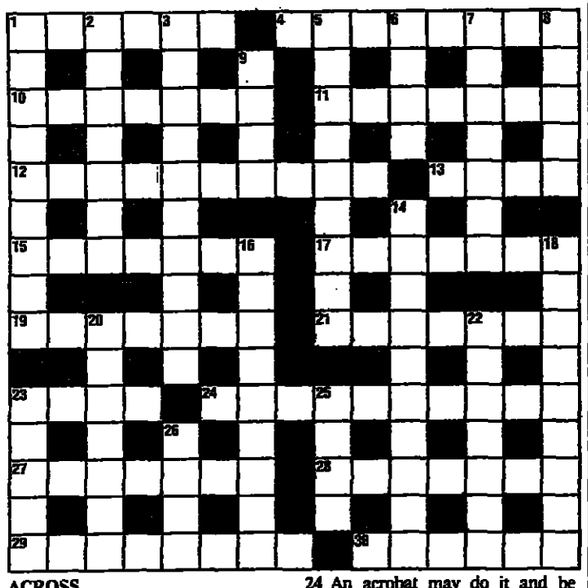
There is a paradox concerning violence on television, which is only now becoming apparent to me. Often, the more grotesque a violent television scene becomes, the less it disturbs..... **Page 18**

Opposing views on the Law Commission's proposals to make divorce easier..... **Page 19**

With leadership and luck, South Africa may soon be synonymous (in Mr Mandela's hopeful words) *with "democracy, peace and human dignity"*

— The New York Times

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ACROSS

1 A jolly girl at sea (6)
4 Like a Shakespearian fairy describing an intended trap? (8)
10 Surrounded by soldiers, granny is holding sway (7)
11 Hirsute feature of the Spanish crowd (3-4)
12 Stupefied 28 employed by old magazine (5-5)
13 Descended rapidly from the hill (4)
15 Erudite king comes to a sad end (7)
17 Man holding racket is a heavy breather (7)
19 Rejected American doctor constrains posh cricket club to give way (7)
21 It gives the lutenist no bother in new composition (7)
23 Boat at the front taking prisoner across river (4)
24 An acrobat may do it and be ruined (10)
27 Piped music from a holy tower in Scotland (7)
28 Drinker — one learning to drive in a truck (7)
29 Bird appears to like centre of forest abnormally (8)
30 Ruthless gangster seen by Republican in bar (6)

DOWN

1 Old citadel's ploughed soil sustaining a season's yield (9)
2 Battleground spy captured by scholar (7)
3 Translucent material for mixed-up Idahoans (10)
5 Terrible thing done at the front, suddenly (9)
6 Better half of poem in Welsh and English (4)
7 Weep in pub upset spree (5-2)
8 Bumpkin's bond with student (5)
9 In the East, a real luminary (4)
14 Willing to ring an estate employee (10)
16 The libertine Hecuba destroyed in the river (9)
18 Reliable soldiers will in the end capture many a rascal (9)
20 Purchase obtained from this old hag supervising a counter (7)
22 It isn't fully radical, by the sound of it (7)
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25 Grouse-shooter's stand is an object of ridicule (4)
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KNOCKANDO PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,345 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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WEATHER

Eastern and southeast England will have a cloudy, wet day with rain spreading westwards into the Midlands and east Wales. The rest of the country will be dry with sunny spells, though western Wales and southwest England will become cloudier in the afternoon. In southeast England, winds will be fresh to strong north to northwesterly, and it will feel particularly cool in many east coast areas. Outlook: Rain or showers.

Abroad

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	c	Madrid	18	64	s
Alicante	28	82	s	Majorca	23	73	s
Alex'dria	27	81	c	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Athens	27	81	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	15	59	r
Bangkok	33	91	t	Montreal*	19	66	s
Barcelona	20	68	f	Moscow	5	41	s
Beirut	27	81	s	Munich	11	52	c
Belgrade	25	77	c	Naples	22	72	f
Berlin	13	55	c	N Delhi	29	84	f
Bermuda*	26	79	r	N York*	23	73	s
Biarritz	16	61	c	Nice	21	70	s
Border'x	14	57	c	Oslo	8	46	c
Brussels	13	55	f	Paris	15	59	f
Budapst	19	66	f	Peking	24	75	s
B Aires*	19	66	f	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Prague	12	54	r
Chicago*	16	61	r	Reykjavik	11	52	r
Ch'church	10	50	f	Rhodes	28	79	s
Cologne	13	55	c	Rio de J	20	68	f
C'phagn	12	54	d	Riyadh	39	100	s
Corfu	25	79	f	Rome	22	72	c
Dublin	14	57	f	Salzburg	11	52	r
Dubrovnik	25	77	f	S F'isco*	19	66	s
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	21	70	s
Florence	19	66	c	Seoul	25	77	s
Frankfurt	15	59	c	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	23	73	f	St'kholm	8	46	f
Geneva	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	c
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Sydney	17	63	s
Helsinki	8	46	s	Tangier	23	73	f
Hong K	33	73	r	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Innsbruck	11	52	r	Tenerife	25	77	f
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tokyo	25	77	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	19	66	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	s	Tunis	28	82	f
L Palmas	24	75	c	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
Le Touet	14	57	f	Venice	1	34	t
Lisbon	21	70	s	Vienna	14	57	r
Locarno	16	61	f	Warsaw	21	70	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Washton*	19	66	f
Luxembg	12	54	f	Wellington	11	52	s
Luxor	35	95	s	Zurich	10	50	r

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity, 6pm, 55 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,017.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Lerwick and Ella Ness, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cottishall, Norfolk, 0.82in; highest sunshine: Isle of Man, 10.2hr.

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.8hr.

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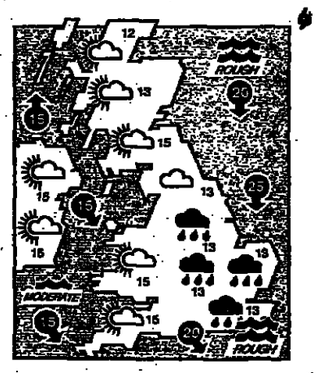
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7hr.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.8	0.20	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	8.6	0.01	15	59	sunny
Antermore	8.9	-	15	59	sunny
Belfast	4.4	0.25	13	55	shower
Birmingham	6.1	0.05	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Bournemouth	5.1	0.07	15	59	sunny
Bristol	8.2	0.02	16	61	sunny
Buxton	10.0	0.05	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	8.2	0.03	15	59	sunny
Clacton	0.3	0.01	14	57	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	6.2	0.09	14	57	sunny
Edinburgh	9.2	-	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.9	-	13	55	sunny
Exmouth	8.3	0.06	16	61	sunny
Falmouth	9.0	-	17	63	sunny
Folkestone	0.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Glasgow	8.0	-	15	59	sunny
Guernsey	4.4	0.08	16	61	sunny
Hastings	-	0.01	15	59	rain
Hunstanton	-	0.16	13	55	shower
Isle of Man	9.2	-	14	57	sunny
Jersey	3.1	0.12	15	59	shower
Kinloss	10.3	-	13	55	sunny
Leeds	9.3	0.04	16	61	sunny
Lerwick	9.8	-	13	55	sunny
Littlehampton	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Liverpool	9.6	0.06	13	55	sunny
London	-	-	14	57	dull
Lowestoft	0.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Manchester	9.7	0.10	15	59	sunny
Margate	-	0.02	14	57	rain
Morecambe	9.8	0.03	15	59	sunny
Newcastle	8.2	-	13	55	sunny
Newquay	8.2	-	14	57	sunny
Nottingham	8.0	0.06	15	59	bright
Penzance	9.8	0.13	17	63	sunny
Plymouth	9.8	0.02	15	59	sunny
Poole	4.2	-	16	61	sunny
Salcombe	8.7	0.04	17	63	sunny
Sandown	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Saunton Snd	9.4	0.11	15	59	sunny
Scarborough	-	0.07	11	52	shower
Scilly Isles	7.9	0.37	16	61	shower
Shanklin	1.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Stornoway	3.7	0.03	13	55	shower
Swanage	4.5	0.02	16	61	sunny
Teignmouth	6.9	0.04	16	61	sunny
Tenby	9.4	0.08	15	59	sunny
Tiree	2.0	0.74	13	55	shower
Torquay	9.1	0.04	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	6.0	-	16	61	sunny

Forecasts





Sun

London 7.18 pm to 6.25 am
Bristol 7.27 pm to 6.34 am
Edinburgh 7.29 pm to 6.38 am
Manchester 7.26 pm to 6.33 am
Penzance 7.39 pm to 6.46 am

Sun rises: 6.55 am
Sun sets: 6.48 pm
Moon rises 5.12 pm
Moon sets 3.28 am
Full Moon September 30

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Temperatures

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	f	Guernsey	13	55	s
B'mgham	12	54	r	Inverness	11	52	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	12	54	f	London	14	57	f
Cardiff	12	54	c	M'nchster	13	55	f
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	12	54	f
Glasgow	15	59	s	R'nidoway	13	55	s

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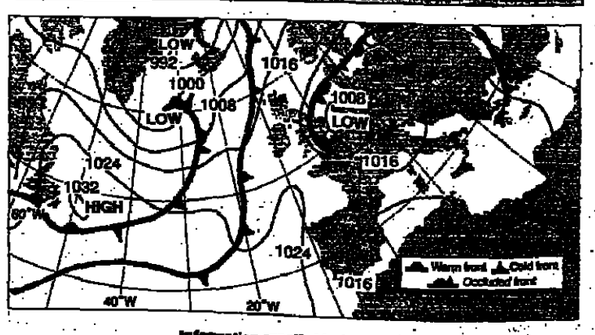
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Aberdeen	—	—	12.23	3.7	Lowestoft	7.52	2.3	8.56	2.2
Avonmouth	5.40	11.2	6.06	11.9	Margate	10.38	4.3	11.26	4.5
Belfast	9.46	3.0	9.58	3.2	Milford Haven	4.53	5.8	5.13	6.2
Cardiff	5.26	10.4	5.51	11.1	Newquay	3.48	5.9	4.07	6.3
Devonport	4.15	4.5	4.32	4.9	Oban	5.17	3.1	4.57	3.5
Dover	9.50	6.9	10.21	5.9	Penzance	3.21	4.6	3.37	4.9
Falmouth	3.45	4.3	4.02	4.7	Portland	5.32	1.5	5.41	1.7
Glasgow	11.51	4.2	—	—	Portsmouth	10.11	4.3	10.27	4.2
Harwich	10.21	3.6	10.57	3.8	Shoreham	9.57	5.3	10.25	5.4
Holyhead	8.25	4.8	9.30	5.1	Southampton	10.07	4.1	10.15	4.1
Hull	4.49	6.4	5.05	6.3	Swansea	5.03	7.9	5.30	8.4
Ilfracombe	4.38	7.7	5.00	8.3	Tees	2.02	4.7	2.47	4.7
King's Lynn	4.59	5.6	5.44	5.8	Wilton-on-Nze	10.17	3.8	10.53	3.9
Leith	12.53	4.8	1.38	4.9					

Currency

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.19
Austria Sch	18.43	16.53
Belgium Fr	55.86	51.46
Canada $	2.10	1.94
Cyprus Cnpd	0.777	0.727
Denmark Kr	10.59	9.79
Finland Mkk	9.39	8.59
France Fr	9.10	8.40
Germany Dm	2.627	2.417
Greece Dr	369.00	344.00
Hong Kong $	12.28	11.28
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lire	2491.00	2336.00
Japan Yen	177.00	157.50
Malta	0.807	0.692
Netherlands Gld	2.945	2.715
Norway Kr	11.37	10.57
Portugal Esc	284.00	245.50
South Africa Rd	5.50	5.00
Spain Pta	205.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	12.67	11.87
Switzerland Fr	2.257	2.107
Turkey Lira	18600.00	17600.00
USA $	1.597	1.487

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Faldo's hole in one in vain as United States stage stirring comeback at The Belfry

Europe crumble to Ryder Cup defeat



Golf correspondent **John Hopkins** sees the Americans underline their superiority in the final-day singles

WHEN the Americans mounted the sort of rescue operation normally seen on celluloid and printed in Hollywood, nothing could save Europe from defeat in the Ryder Cup, no matter how hard some members of the home team tried.

Another inspired performance by Peter Baker, whose baby daughter had spent the night in hospital suffering from suspected meningitis, could not stop the United States from recording their 23rd victory, 15-13, at The Belfry yesterday. Nor could a hole in one by Nick Faldo, Europe's best player, in his match against Paul Azinger, America's best.

Colin Montgomerie's brave victory over Lee Janzen, the reigning United States Open champion, counted for little more than personal prestige. So did the spirited display by Joakim Haeggman, who showed he had the heart for the fray by snatching a precious point from the jaws of a half.

The first man from Sweden to compete in this competition had suggested in the fourballs late on Saturday night that he was running into form. In the singles, he confirmed it.

But exciting and brave as all these performances were, they were not enough. In the face of some resolute and skilful golf by the Americans in the last day's singles, Europe crumbled.

There were a few fleeting moments, on a cold, bleak afternoon, when it looked as though they might just snatch it. Four matches remained on the course and nearly 30,000 spectators were spread out watching them.

Europe needed to win both to achieve a one-point victory. It would have been a neat reversal of the score at Kiawah Island two years ago.

It did not come down to the last putt of the last green by players in the last match. Nobody had to hole a nerve-racking six-footer as Bernhard Langer had in 1991.

In fact, it ended rather tamely. At 4.29pm, Raymond Floyd moved to dormie two up on José María Olazábal and, as he did so, the United States could not lose.

The match was formally concluded at 5.08pm when Azinger birdied the 18th, only the second man to do so all day, to snatch a deserved half with Faldo.

The scoreline was the same margin by which Europe had won at Muirfield Village six years ago and the largest margin of victory by the United States since they humbled Europe at Walton Heath by 18½ to 9½ points in 1981.

Tom Watson put the achievement in perspective at the end. "This is the finest experience in the game of golf," said the man who has played in four such matches and won eight major championships. "You're playing for something else beside yourself."

He added that he was relieved to be the victorious captain, as well he might because there were many moments, particularly on Friday, when he thought his cause was lost.

The American heroes were Fred Couples, who won two of the last six holes to halve with Ian Woosnam, and Chip Beck, who came back from three down with five to play to defeat Barry Lane on the 18th.

Floyd should not be forgotten, either. He made light of his 51 years and the fact he was playing his fourth consecutive round in three days to suppress the wayward yet inevitably determined challenge of Olazábal.

Americans are at their best in a crisis. It is something about flag and country and, from the moment they won the Saturday afternoon fourballs by three matches to one, they regained their superiority though not the lead. Europe were outplayed from Saturday afternoon to Sunday teatime, when they won only four points from their last 11 and 5½ from the last 15.

The Americans rammed the superiority down the Europeans' throats in the singles, winning the 11 points that were at stake by the crushing margin of seven points to four or, significantly, six outright victories to three.

For the Europeans, it scarcely bears thinking about that the Americans have won the singles in every Ryder Cup match bar one since 1957.

In the past, European sides have not been as strong as the Americans and, in the singles, when 12 points were at stake, this discrepancy has been most easily exposed. That is no longer the case, so what is it that enables the Americans to deliver the goods when they are most needed?

How can men like Floyd, Tom Kite and Couples play so successfully when Langer, Woosnam, Severiano Ballesteros and Faldo, 13 major championships between them, can bring home only one solitary point in total.

One might as well ask why the Europeans played the first hole so badly? Not one of them could birdie it and Ballesteros, Faldo, Olazábal, Lane, Baker and James all started with bogeys. It was all horribly like the recent Walker Cup in Minneapolis, when more than three-quarters of the visiting Great Britain and Ireland team contrived to lose the first hole.

It was about 25 degrees colder than on the equivalent day two years ago and the golf by the Americans matched the weather. "Hang tough" is an American phrase that means don't give in. They certainly didn't do that. The more their rounds wore on the more resolute they became.

Only three Europeans improved their positions over the last five holes: Baker, who went from one up to two up, Haeggman, from all square to one up, and Mark James, from four down to three down.

The greatest contrast over the closing holes to the way he had been playing before was given by Costantino Rocca. The Italian had been one down to Davis Love III on the 12th and then gave him both barrels by birdieing the 14th and the long 15th, thus moving into a one-hole lead.

They halved the 16th tensely and a famous victory was on the cards. Rocca is the first Italian to play in the Ryder Cup and it would have been a delicious endorsement of the strength of golf on mainland Europe if he, like Haeggman, had won his singles on his debut.

It was not to be, however. The pressure got to him on the 17th green, when he three-putted from 25 feet, missing his second putt from no more than three feet.

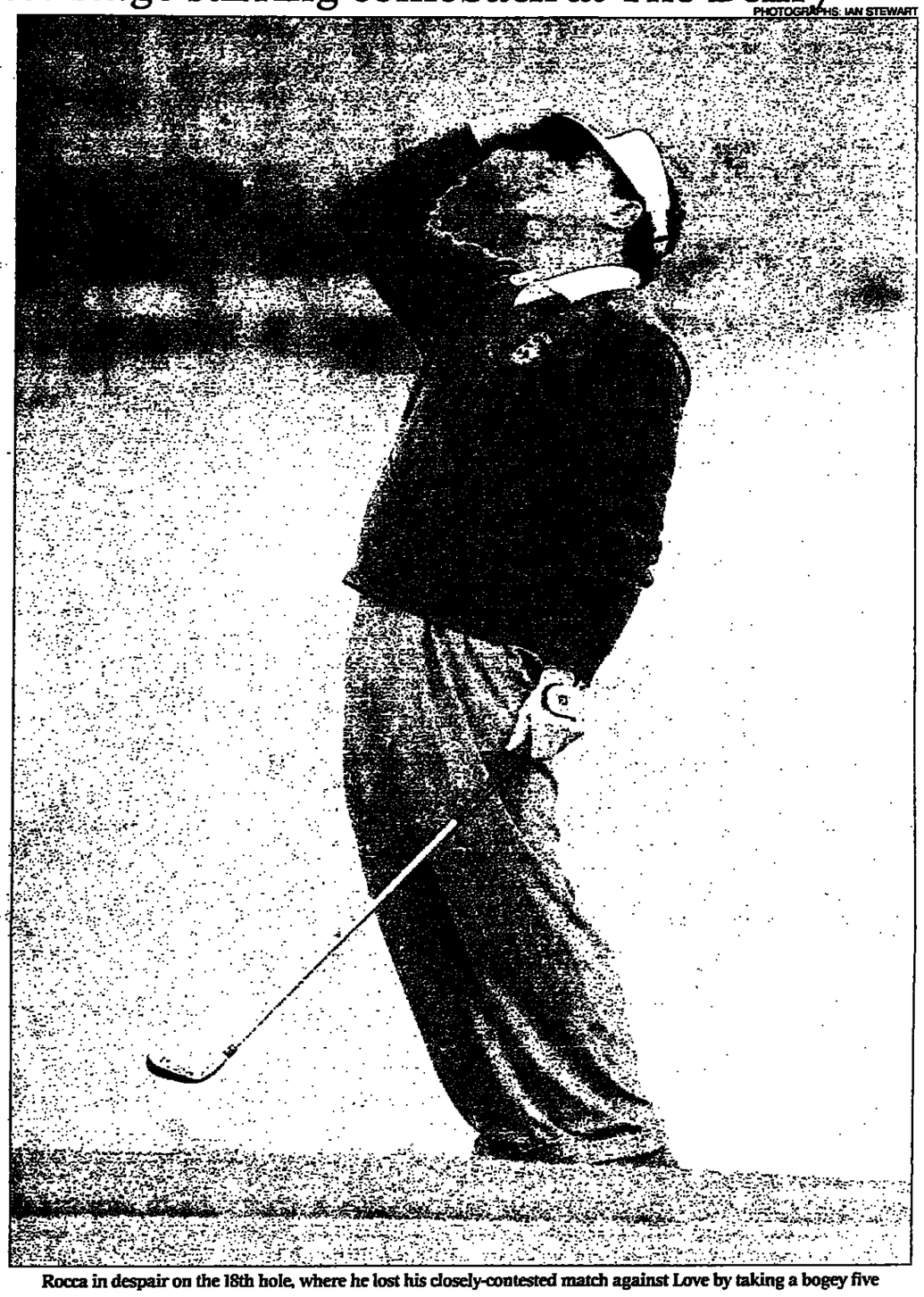
One down with one to play meant that Love had been given the chance of a reprieve. He took it. Rocca made sure he kept his drive away from the water on the closing hole. It ended between the two fairway bunkers, from where he hit a rather skinny second that struggled to the front fringe of the green.

He had a lot of work left to do and he could do no better than a chip and two putts. Love, who was safely on the green in two, sensibly left his first putt below the hole and then courageously sank his second putt from three feet for an unexpected victory.

In 1985, Sam Torrance holed the winning putt for Europe and raised his arms skywards. Now, Love did the same, his gestures symbolising the American victory. He stood there triumphant for a moment or two. The match was all over bar the shouting. Once again, the Americans had been tougher when they needed to be.

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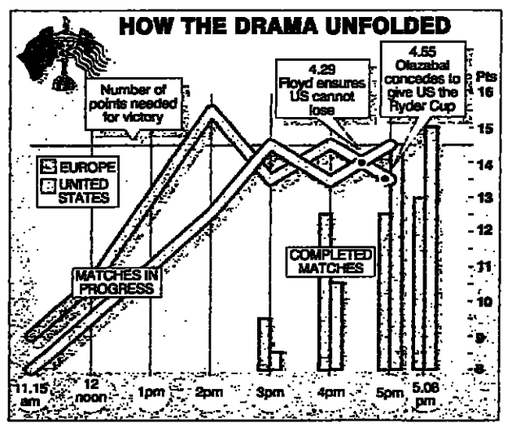
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Rocca in despair on the 18th hole, where he lost his closely-contested match against Love by taking a bogey five



Gallagher jubilant on his way to beating Ballesteros



Home cheers fade in final deflating moments



Andrew Longmore samples the mood of a crowd learning to cope with defeat at The Belfry

It took stamina, strength, determination, the eyes of a hawk and the toes of a ballet dancer to conquer the Brabazon course at The Belfry yesterday. That was just the spectators. The players needed to be tough too.

Position and imagination were the keys to a course not blessed with many natural vantage points. Trees, overturned dustbins and golf trolleys (maximum load 600lb), anything to gain extra inches. Sadly, the resourcefulness of the home supporters was all to no avail. Just as the match reached what seemed to be an inevitable climax and the boundaries of sportsmanship briefly came under threat, the Ryder Cup had gone for another two years. Red had conquered blue and not even the man in black on the main scoreboard, whose sense of theatre had more than matched the occasion, could extract any drama from the final deflating moments.

For much of the day, he had entertained the rival factions in the stand at the 18th with his party piece, displaying a red American board before turning it to blue at the last second amid cheers. Harmless stuff really. Fears that the sense of decorum, on which golf prides itself, would be breached proved to be unfounded, though had the match come down to the final hole of the final match, etiquette might well have succumbed to fervour. The cheers which greeted John Cook's foray into the water at the 18th were a reminder of how thin the line is between good sport and bad blood.

As ever, the 10th, fast becoming one of the best holes in golf, provided its share of character and *bonhomie*. An hour before the first pair reached the tee, the crowd stood four-deep on the banks overlooking the green, Welsh accents mingling with Scots and Irish, Yorkshire exchanging banter with Liverpudlian, Geordies with New Yorkers. By the time Woosnam and Couples, hands thurst deep into his pockets to ward off the cold, had marched into view, the crowd had developed a real sense of fraternity, cheering every movement of blue on the scoreboard across the 16th fairway.

Sadly for the pure sport of the hole, a fierce crosswind blew away thoughts of boldness on the players part and devalued the *dare*. None went for the green across the water but, for a few precious moments, each European player became the property of this crowd alone and was enveloped by their warmth. It is an intimate hole and visitors passing through with each match are greeted with the suspicion reserved for foreigners.

Given a rousing welcome as they crossed the bridge into the hollow of the green, the Europeans were sent on their way with a roar of defiance, the Americans with gentle respect. When Peter Baker sunk a 15-foot putt the explosion of noise was reminiscent of the Kop itself, though Pavin had still to putt. His miss, which put the Englishman one up, prompted more sighs of relief than cheers of joy.

Cheers from other parts of the course were absorbed and discussed until every one of the 30,000 foot soldiers had become skilled interpreters. A long rolling cheer for encouragement, a brief roar followed by a descending "Aaah" for a near miss, an explosion of sound, enough to drown the sound of Concorde, for a hole won. Polite applause for a loss. As the afternoon wore on, the mood on the course changed from hope to uncertainty. The blue was becoming thinner. Through the trees around the 10th, the sight of Payne Stewart celebrating another success over the unfortunate Mark James coincided with a rare lapse by Faldo. On the 18th, Baker restored some faith and when Haegmann came within a yard of a ducking and Cook hooked his bunker shot into the water, losing the final hole, the crowd found new voice. Briefly.

Perhaps, after all, it was right that the result did not rest on the last putt. The spectators could not have stood it any more than the players. At the closing ceremony, Bernard Gallacher paid tribute to their behaviour and his thoughts were echoed by Nick Faldo, who had symbolised the European effort all through the three days.

"The best thing of all was that this was a really good Ryder Cup this time," he said. "The Americans will leave these shores with a good taste in their mouths. We left with a nasty taste in our mouths two years ago." Maybe, in the end, that is the most significant memento of the thirtieth Ryder Cup.

SINGLES RESULTS

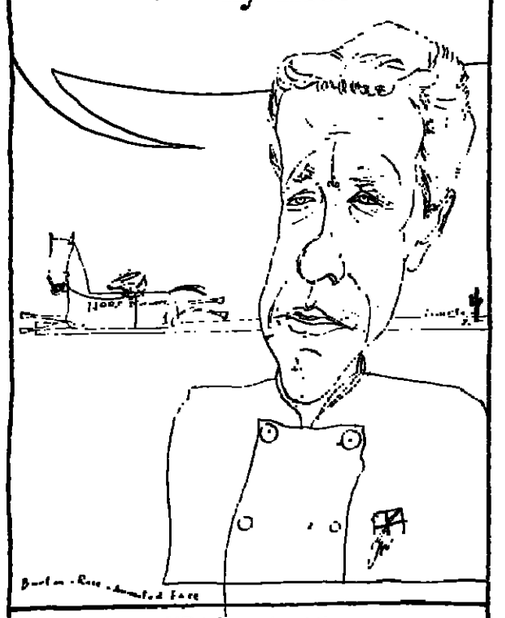
Europe led 8½-7½ after first two days

(European names first)

I Woosnam halved with F Couples
B Lane lost to C Beck, 1 hole
C Montgomerie bt L Janzen, 1 hole
P Baker bt C Pavin, 2 holes
J Haeggman bt J Cook, 1 hole
M James lost to P Stewart, 3 and 2
C Rocca lost to D Love III, 1 hole
S Ballesteros lost to J Gallagher Jr, 3 and 2
J M Olazábal lost to R Floyd, 2 holes
B Langer lost to T Kite, 5 and 3
N Faldo halved with P Azinger
S Torrance halved with L Wadkins (match not played)

Singles result: Europe 4½, United States 7½.
Match result: Europe 13, United States 15.

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Corless and Gloucester facing daunting struggle

Peter Bills believes more restoration is needed at Kingsholm to revive club fortunes

GLOUCESTER Cathedral mirrors perfectly the state of the city's old, esteemed rugby club. Some restoration work completed here, a little more started there, but much remaining to be done. Ushering such traditional entities towards the 21st century requires patience and skill.

And money. It is perhaps a disingenuous comparison to make, but finance holds the key to the successful completion of the task in both instances.

Gloucester Rugby Club is one of the bastions of the English game: proud, revered and with a record to be envied. Yet not so latterly. Gloucester's traditional advantage as the leading sports club in a city where football occupies a distant second place has been undermined by the failings of the team on the field. The sight of nearby Bath lording it over English rugby has not helped.

Enter commercialism at Kingsholm and now the club's director of rugby stands there, a salaried official facing the kind of pressures more familiar to football managers.

Barrie Corless smiles thinly at suggestions of a vote of confidence from the committee. Yet the pressures are on, etched indelibly on the minds of the players and on the faces of the supporters as Gloucester tumbled 14-23 to Leicester on Saturday. Three matches into the new Courage Clubs Championship season without a win and with a journey to Bath next Saturday hanging over them like a sword, Gloucester and Corless face hard times.

"Our supporters' expectations are unrealistic," he said. "They expect us to be in the top group, but it has been a hard start and the players lack confidence. We have to cut out our mistakes, too. Those cost us the match."

Gloucester followers doubtless wish to see clear signs of success within three months for Corless' pay packet. The man himself envisages something rather longer, like two or three years.

The élan with which Leicester twice broke through a dour battle between the forwards with sweeping backline moves to create tries for Hackney was quite beyond Gloucester's capabilities. Granted, the home side did score their first try of the season after more than 3½ hours' play and, when it came, narrowed a half-time deficit of 3-15 to 14-18. Leicester, though, hung on until Back's injury-time try made them safe.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Try: Holford. Penalty goals: T Smith (2). Leicester: Tries: Hackney (2), Back. Conversions: Liley. Penalty goal: Liley. Dropped goal: Harris.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith, P Holford, D Cummins, D Cashe, M Nicholson, P Beech, M Hannaford, R Phillips, J Hawker, P Jones, P Ackroyd, D Sims, R West, I Smith, S Masters.
LEICESTER: J Liley (capt; D Grewcock, Skinner, S Hackney, I Bates, S Potter, D Wrigley, J Harris, A Kardoom, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, S Povoas, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

All Blacks name seven newcomers for autumn tour of England and Scotland

Kirwan dropped by New Zealand

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AFTER nine years, a record-equalling 58 internationals and 34 tries for New Zealand, John Kirwan was dropped yesterday for the All Blacks' tour of England and Scotland.

Moreover, the Auckland wing, 28, who played in four of New Zealand's five internationals last summer, has the mortification of seeing one of the wing positions go to Eric Rush, a flanker converted on the strength of his play in the seven-a-side version of the game.

Kirwan, who made his debut as a teenager in 1984, was "totally devastated" after the announcement of the party on national television.

"It's definitely a shock and I'm really disappointed, but life must go on," he said, though whether that life will include more games for his country to take him past Gary Whetton's record of appearances now seems to be in doubt.

He appears to be paying the penalty for spending the last five off-seasons in Italy, from where he returned two stone lighter earlier this year and too late to play in the first international against the British Isles.

Laurie Mains, coach to the All Blacks, suggested that his form had deteriorated as a consequence of what New Zealanders refer to somewhat scathingly as "spaghetti rugby" and the evidence this summer was that Kirwan had lost some of his pace, as well as his strength.

However, he scored three tries on Saturday as Auckland created a first-division record by beating King Country 97-3 and some critics believe his form is no worse than that of Va'aiga Tuigamala, who is included. For all Rush's ability — and his lack of experience as a wing was demonstrated when the Lions played North Harbour in May — to drop a player of Kirwan's proven try-scoring ability and experience as a tourist overseas is a significant step for the All Blacks coaching panel.

They are, however, in a position to elevate their own wunderkind, Jeff Wilson, 19, who played one-day cricket for New Zealand last year and has played wing and full back for Otago this year. Last year, Wilson scored 66 points (nine tries and 15 conversions) in a match for Cargill High School and has shown admirable maturity in senior rugby with the high-profile Otago side this year. His utility value is echoed throughout the party, not least at full back where it appears that the experiment of playing John Timu may be terminated since Matthew Cooper, Shane Howarth and Wilson are all capable of playing in that position.

Cooper and Howarth are also capable midfield players, while Walter Little and Lee Stensness may be given games at stand-off half as the selectors decide whether they, or Steven Bachop, should fill the shoes of the unavailable Grant Fox.

The seven new All Blacks include Norman Hewitt, the robust hooker whose Hawke's Bay team beat the Lions, Liam Barry, the North Harbour flanker whose father (Kevin) and grandfather (Ned) played for New Zealand, and John Mitchell, the bony and balding captain of Waikato, who successfully defended the newly-acquired Ranfurly Shield by beating Otago 28-11 yesterday. Mitchell, a No 8, is an interesting choice since, at 29, he is hardly in the first flush of youth and has seldom attracted the attention of the national selectors.

Part of his success has come in tandem with Duane Monkley, the open-side flanker who is to New Zealand rugby what Neil Back is in England. But, yet again, Monkley is overlooked in a squad which is made up of 16 forwards and 14 backs.

☐ Phil Kearns, the Australian hooker, will not play in any of the three matches in North America which precede the Wallabies tour to France.

The party is due to leave Sydney on Wednesday but Kearns is still recovering from an Achilles tendon injury.

PARTY AND ITINERARY

NEW ZEALAND: Backs: M Cooper (Waikato), S Howarth (Auckland), J Wilson (Otago), E Clarke (Auckland), E Rush (North Harbour), J Timu (Otago), V Tuigamala (Auckland), F Bunce (North Harbour), M Ellis (Otago), W Little (North Harbour), L Stensness (Auckland), S Bachop (Otago), S Forster (Otago), J Preston (Wellington).
Forwards: M Allen (Taranaki), O Brown (Auckland), C Dowd (Auckland), G Purvis (Waikato), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), N Hewitt (Hawke's Bay), R Brooke (Auckland), R Fromont (Auckland), S Gordon (Waikato), I Jones (Northland), L Barry (North Harbour), Z Brooke (Auckland), M Jones (Auckland), J Joseph (Otago), J Mitchell (Waikato), A Pene (Otago).
FIXTURES: October: 23, v London (Twickenham); 26, v Midlands (Leicester); 30, v South-West (Redruth). November: 2, v North (Anfield); 7, v England A (Gateshead); 10, v South of Scotland (Galashiels); 13, v Scotland A (Old Anniesland, Glasgow); 16, v Scotland Development XV (Myreside, Edinburgh); 20, v Scotland (Murrayfield); 23, v England Emerging Players (Gloucester); 27, v England (Twickenham); 30, v Combined Services (Devonport). December: 4, v Barbarians (Cardiff).

DES JENSON



Walker, the London Scottish stand-off half, hangs on tight during his side's 11-3 defeat against Otley. Walker, with a penalty, scored the exiles' only points

Otley depend on work ethic to maintain rise

David Hands sees the Yorkshire club with the uncomplicated approach get the better of a London Scottish side short of confidence

THE popular belief in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship is that West Hartlepool, relegated in unfortunate circumstances last season, will make an immediate return to the top flight. They are at the head of the division with Sale and are intent on regaining the first-division status that was so briefly theirs.

West's big pack has already driven a swathe through Waterloo, who were promotion candidates last season, and Rugby, one of the four relegated clubs. West's third victim this season was Otley, who brought their particular brand of refreshingly uncomplicated play to the Richmond Athletic Ground on Saturday, where they beat London Scottish 11-3 in a match they should have lost.

Otley are better known outside Yorkshire for their ground rather than their team; they have hosted a clutch of representative matches on their homely patch next to a cemetery, but, in six years of league rugby, they have progressed from North division one to the national second division and now compete with Wakefield for leading status in the county.

"It's been a steep learning curve," Nigel Melville, their director of rugby, said. Melville knows how much there is to learn. The former England captain and scrum half has to take the lessons step by step while Otley establish their credibility. They have not gone so far as Dunvant in the Heineken League but, there are parallels, among them loyalty to the cause.

Six of Saturday's XV were there when league rugby began and the ability to play for each other shone through against the haphazard Scots. Melville's fear, though, is that a big pack — such as West Hartlepool's — will grind them down and he knows he must find bigger forwards if Otley are to hold the ground they have won. Even so, he was proud of his scrum at Richmond. A week earlier they had lost nine balls against the head, whereas here their tight-knit play made one doubt that the Scottish pack included two British Lions.

However, one of those Lions, Damian Cronin, obliterated Otley at the lineout, with the valuable assistance at the tail of David Leckie. When one side dominates that phase 30-7, there should be no question of the winner, so there was much head-shaking among the luminaries who were on the sidelines at defeat by a try and two penalty goals to a penalty.

The Scottish coaching panel is headed by Tony Lewis, a teacher at St Paul's School who spent several seasons playing wing for Otago, and Ian McGeechan. Last season was a turbulent one for the exiles, relegated amid a coaching crisis, and their play reflected a loss of belief by some talented players in their own ability and, more curiously, an absence of passion.

They missed two of their better forwards, Brian Gilchrist and Iain Morrison, the flanker whose knee injury must be causing the national selectors, represented on Saturday by Ritchie Dixon, concern. Moreover, when a couple of comparatively simple penalty chances went begging in the first quarter and Otley kicked the only chance that came their way on a rare visit to the Scottish half, the exiles' fragile mental state was revealed.

The backs simply lined up to be tackled as they drifted across field, without thought of variation, such as a chip kick or a thrust from wing or full back against the grain of the defence. Otley, by contrast, did the simple things well.

Simon Tipping's drive, from a rare lineout win, established the rock from which Peter Rutledge entered the line and created space for Sean Atkinson to score the game's only try. Every win at this level is a minor triumph for Otley but, unlike Scottish, they have confidence and a capacity for hard work that should secure their future.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Penalty: Walker. Otley: Try: Atkinson. Penalties: Rutledge (2).
LONDON SCOTTISH: S Wichery; N Grecian, F Harrold, M Sly, M Appleson; M Walker; D Millard; A Stewart, L Mair, P Burnell, I Dixon, D Cronin, D Johnston, D Orr-Ewing, D Leckie. Walker was temporarily replaced by R Cramb (58min).
OTLEY: P Rutledge; G Melville, Andrew Scott; Adrian Scott, S Atkinson; R Petyt, M Farrar; C Baldwin, M Barnett, S Rios, S Tipping, S Wilson, S Henry, M Winterbottom, A Hargreaves. Winterbottom was temporarily replaced by G Scott (51).
Referee: J Pearson (Durham).

Responsible Rodber shines in absence of Bayfield

Barry Trowbridge sees Northampton struggle to subdue a tenacious London Irish side

IF, AS anticipated before a ball was kicked, Northampton are to challenge for honours this season, they will need to convert far more opportunities into points than they did at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday, where they made hard work of beating London Irish 23-12.

The previous Saturday, they witnessed at first hand how it should be done when Bath crushed them 37-9; here, it needed a late try by Mike Fielden, his second of the match, to give the score respectability and Northampton, finally, the breathing space afforded by a two-score advantage.

With Wayne Shelford back in New Zealand, Ian Hunter still sidelined, Frank Packman not selected and Martin Bayfield out with a neck injury, Northampton lacked the drive they have shown since joining the top flight in 1990 and gave the impression that although they can, and probably will, raise their game against the better sides, their lethargy could be punished by one or two of the lesser clubs in the division.

Bayfield's injury could be worse than first thought and the England and British Isles lock is due to have a scan on his neck this week. Glenn Ross, the Northampton coach, said: "He got a knock on the neck against Coventry [September 4]. The problem has been getting worse and we think a surgeon should scan it as soon as possible. We've told Martin to take it easy. The spine is obviously delicate and we've told him he's got more going for him in the long term than the short term."

With Bayfield out, more responsibility fell on Tim Rodber in the lineout and he at least emerged, for the second week running, with his reputation intact, his forceful display in the loose being one of the highlights of an otherwise drab afternoon.

Had Paul Grayson been as successful with the boot before half-time as he was after it, things might have been different for Northampton, but he missed four attempts at goal that were well within his range and the sides turned round at 6-6. Within a minute of the restart, Fielden scampered after a steepling kick by John Steele and was on hand to touch down Jon Phillips' back ahead, but London Irish stayed in touch through Burke until Fielden's decisive score. It was Northampton's first victory over London Irish in the first division.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Fielden (2). Conversions: Grayson (2). Penalty goals: Grayson (3). London Irish: Penalty goals: Burke (3). Dropped goal: Burke.
NORTHAMPTON: J Steele; N Beal, R MacNaughton, M Fielden, H Thorneycroft; P Grayson, M Dawson; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, G Webster, J Phillips, C Milhouse, T Rodber.
LONDON IRISH: O Cobbe; R Henderson, S Burns, D Dooley, S Geoghegan; P Burke, N Briers; N Donovan, R Kellam, G Halpin, P Collins, A Higgins, M Keenan, R Jenkins, A Vering. Donovan replaced by H Lamb (78min).
Referee: P Thomas (France).



RUGBY UNION RESULTS

Courage Clubs Championship

Gloucester 14 Leicester 23
Gloucester: Try: Holford. Pens: T Smith 2. Beech. Leicester: Tries: S Hackney 2, Back. Con: Liley. Pen: Liley. Dropped goal: Harris.
Harlequins 15 Bristol 20
Harlequins. Pens: Bray 5. Bristol: Tries: Eves, Saverimutto. Cons: Tanton 2. Pens: Tanton 2.
Northampton 23 L Irish 12
Northampton: Tries: Fielden 2. Cons: Grayson 2. Pens: Grayson 3. London Irish: Pens: Burke 3. Dropped goal: Burke.
Orrell 15 Bath 18
Orrell: Pens: Langford 5. Bath: Tries. Callard. Guscott. Con: Callard. Pens: Barnes, Callard.
Wasps 38 Newcastle G 21
Wasps: Tries: D Hopley 2, Old 2, Andrew. Cons: Andrew 2. Pens: Andrew 3. Newcastle: Gosforth: Tries: Vanzandvliet, Wilkinson. Con: Johnson. Pens: Johnson 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	3	3	0	0	73	34	6
Wasps	3	2	1	0	65	45	5
Bristol	3	2	0	1	46	33	4
Leicester	3	2	0	1	56	51	4
Northampton	3	2	0	1	51	59	4
Orrell	3	1	0	2	75	53	2
Harlequins	3	1	0	2	60	53	2
Gloucester	3	0	0	3	35	44	0
Newcastle G	3	0	1	2	45	62	1
L Irish	3	0	0	3	27	69	0

Second division

L Scottish 3 Otley 11
London Scottish: Pen: Walker. Otley: Try: Atkinson. Pens: Rutledge 2.
Nottingham 6 Moseley 25
Nottingham: Pens: Gregory 2. Moseley: Tries: Anderson 2, Lloyd. Cons: Kerr 2. Pens: Kerr 2.
Sale 15 Waterloo 6
Sale: Tries: Birt 2. Con: Turner. Pen: Turner. Waterloo: Pens: Handley 2.
Saracens 20 Wakefield 10
Saracens: Tries: Green, Kemp, Tunningley. Cons: Tunningley. Pens: Tunningley. Wakefield: Try: Liley. Con: Liley. Pen: Liley.
W Hartlepool 28 Rugby 19
West Hartlepool: Tries: Dixon, Stabler. Watson. Cons: Stabler 2. Pens: Stabler 3. Rugby: Tries: Mapletoft 2, Saunders. Cons: Mapletoft 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sale	3	3	0	0	79	12	6
W Hartlepool	3	3	0	0	86	41	6
Moseley	3	2	0	1	55	31	4
Otley	3	2	0	1	52	56	4
Saracens	3	2	0	1	37	72	4
Wakefield	3	1	0	2	69	58	2
L Scottish	3	1	0	2	23	36	2
Rugby	3	1	0	2	51	90	2
Nottingham	3	0	0	3	45	71	0
Waterloo	3	0	0	3	30	62	0

McEwan's League

Boroughmuir 6 Heriots FP 21
Boroughmuir: Pens: Easson 2. Heriot's FP: Tries: Whitaker, Gilmour. Pens: Gilmour 3.
Edinburgh Ac 16 Melrose 17
Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Simmons, *Burns. Pens: Hay-Smith 2. Melrose: Try: Parker. Pens: Parker (4).*
Gala 39 Watsonians 6
Gala: Tries: Patterson, Dalgleish 2, Waddell. Cons: Dodds 2. Pens: Dodds 5. Watsonians: Pens: Hodge 2.
Hawick 18 Jed-Forest 14
Hawick: Tries: Crawford, Stanger. Con: Welsh. Pen: Welsh. DG Welsh. Jed-Forest: Try: Brown. Pen: Armstrong 3.
Kelso 17 Selkirk 11
Kelso: Try: J Jeffrey. Pens: Aitchison 4. Selkirk: Try: Johnston. Pens: Pow 2.
Stewarts Mel 23 W of Scotland 18
Stewarts Melville FP: Tries: Milligan, McKenzie (2). Con: Stirling. Pen: Stirling. Dropped goal: Wylie. West of Scotland: Tries: Hastie, Scott. Con: Barrett. Pens: Barrett 2.
Stirling Co 22 Currie 18
Stirling County: Try: Jardine. Con: McKenzie. Pens: McKenzie 4, Logan. Currie: Tries: Dickson 2. Con: Donaldson. Pen: Donaldson 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling Co	3	3	0	0	91	46	6
Gala	3	3	0	0	81	42	6
Hawick	3	1	1	0	54	41	3
Melrose	3	2	0	1	95	53	4
Edinburgh Ac	3	2	0	1	65	33	4
Heriots FP	3	2	0	1	57	37	4
Stewarts Mel	3	2	0	1	56	57	4
Kelso	3	2	0	1	41	59	4
W of Scotland	3	1	1	1	71	46	3
Currie	3	1	0	2	84	64	2
Boroughmuir	3	0	0	3	44	69	0
Jed-Forest	3	0	0	3	29	60	0
Selkirk	3	0	0	3	37	90	0
Watsonians	3	0	0	3	39	157	0

SECOND DIVISION: Biggar 3, Dundee HSFP 17, Clarkston 10, Glasgow HK 34; Glasgow Ac 16, Wigtownshire 8, Grangemouth 33, Preston Lodge 34, Haddington 18, Ayr 11, Kirkcaldy 36, Edinburgh Wndr 15, Musselburgh 21, Peebles 5.

Heineken League

Cross Keys 21 Cardiff 61
Cross Keys: Tries: Weed 2. Con: Fleet. Pens: Fleet 3. Cardiff: Tries: O Thomas 2, Booth, Budd, John, Lamy, Rayer, Sedgemore, Stone. Cons: Rayer 3, John 2. Pens: Rayer 2.
Dunvant 20 Newbridge 6
Dunvant: Tries: Bolton, Thomas. Cons: Thomas 2. Pens: Thomas 2. Newbridge: Pens: Taylor 2.
Llanelli 24 Aberavon 21
Llanelli: Tries: Lamerton, Quinnell, Williams, M Wells. Cons: Williams 2. Aberavon: Tries: Evans, Spender. Con: Lewis. Pens: Forrester 2, Thomas.
Neath 40 Swansea 18
Neath: Tries: Lewis 2, Davies, Varney, Williams. Cons: Thorburn (3). Pens: Thorburn 3. Swansea: Tries: Stuart Davies, Titley. Con: Childs. Pens: Childs 2.
Pontypool 21 Newport 35
Pontypool: Tries: Newbury, B Taylor. Con: Ring. Pens: Ring 3. Newport: Tries: Alves, Goodchild, Hughes, McCracken, Rees. Con: Rees 2. Pens: Rees 2.
Pontypridd 26 Bridgend 14
Pontypridd: Tries: Manley, Robbins. Cons: Jenkins 2. Pens: Jenkins 3, Dippold, Jenkins. Bridgend: Try: Gale. Pens: Williams 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	5	5	0	0	235	43	10
Neath	5	4	1	0	157	87	9
Swansea	5	4	0	1	111	77	8
Llanelli	5	4	0	1	129	79	8
Pontypridd	5	3	1	1	137	95	7
Bridgend	5	2	0	3	127	113	4
Aberavon	4	2	0	2	84	110	4
Newport	5	2	0	3	89	116	4
Dunvant	5	2	0	3	58	125	4
Pontypool	5	0	0	5	96	234	0
Cross Keys	5	0	0	5	75	162	0
Newbridge	4	0	0	4	34	92	0

SECOND DIVISION: Abertillery 44, Tenby Utd 19; Ebbw Vale 27, Mountain Ash 6; Llandovery 20, Maesteg 10; Llanharan 16, S Wales Police 12; Narberth 9, Treorchy 20; Penarth 17, Glamorgan Wndrs 13.

Insurance Corporation All-Ireland League

Dungannon 6 Blackrock Col 11
Garryowen 23 Y Munster 9
Old Wesley 6 Shannon 3
St Mary's Col 12 Cork Con 10
Wanderers 13 Greystones 24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greystones	2	2	0	0	36	19	4
Blackrock Col	2	2	0	0	32	24	4
Cork Con	2	1	0	1	18	12	2
Garryowen	2	1	0	1	23	17	2
Shannon	2	1	0	1	18	15	2
St Mary's Col	2	1	0	1	30	31	2
Old Wesley	2	1	0	1	12	15	2
Dungannon	2	0	0	2	15	26	0
Wanderers	1	0	0	1	13	24	0
Y Munster	2	0	0	2	15	33	0

SECOND DIVISION: Ballina 6, Malone 17; Bangor 14, Galwegians 6; Instonians 9, Terenure 3; Old Belvedere 9, Old Crescent 6; Sundays Well 16, Dolphin 11.

CIS INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North. First division: Durham 16, Lancashire 22, Yorkshire 27, Northumberland 3. Second division: Leicestershire 14, Cumbria 21, Warwickshire 22, Cheshire 20. Third division: Notts, Lincs and Derby 11, North Midlands 31, Staffordshire 41. East Midlands 29. South: First division: Cornwall 14, Hampshire 6, Middlesex 17, Gloucestershire 26. Second division: Dorset and Wiltshire 20, Devon 10; Kent 6, Surrey 13. Third division: Somerset 10, Buckinghamshire 13; Sussex 20, Hertfordshire 11.
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Neath back on centre stage

The Gnoll is again a daunting place to visit, as Swansea discovered.

Gerald Davies reports

NEATH won the Heineken League in its inaugural season, in 1991, during which, with little opposition, the silverware proved to be as good as theirs before Christmas. Those were the days when they played rugby as if they raged and thundered at the incompetence of other Welsh clubs, daring them to wake up from their somnolence; pleading for someone, anyone, to give them a proper contest.

Welsh rugby, said Ron Waldron, their manager at the time, was not going to benefit if one club dominated the scene. As a result of many an entreaty, he was then persuaded to take a sabbatical from his club and to look after the playing affairs of the Welsh Rugby Union as manager-coach.

Whatever spurs he might have earned in putting Neath's house in order a decade ago, he was not truly prepared for Wales. Who could have been? Ill-health followed the débâcle in Australia and the national task was aborted.

Neath have been in the doldrums since then, not quite off stage but not exactly centre of it either. They had begun to resemble the kind of club of which Waldron had once been so disapproving: ordinary, with no cutting edge to their ambition. Not any more, you begin to feel. Waldron is back in his familiar surroundings, motivating those he knows best. The old mood in the club is back.

Having already created a stir in not losing a match so far — although there is a draw among their results — Neath, after this 40-18 victory against Swansea, are causing fear among the three clubs who thought they would sort out the spoils among them. The Gnoll is proving a daunting place once more.

Cardiff are there in a month's time, Llanelli wait until the last Saturday of the season. Whatever progress they make, the visit will be a fearsome hurdle.

Swansea fluffed their chance, but to what extent did they contribute to their own downfall? That there were six changes from the team that convincingly beat Llanelli a week ago, five of these among the forwards, suggests indifference, almost an acceptance that the loss was on the cards.

With such a turnover of players, they could not expect to match a Neath combination, which, as of yore, depends on a rampaging pack. While Swansea were never in contention, the home team licked its lips at the visitors' half-hearted gestures. Swansea were there for the taking. There were six tries and a penalty try, but this should not encourage thoughts of a good game.

There were occasional drives among the forwards, some passing moves among the threequarters, but they were rare. The best moment was when Lewis, on the wing, ran outside Titley and sprinted 50 metres for his late try. Not that there is anything wrong with kicking, of which there was a good deal here, as a tactic: it was just that it was aimless for the most part.

Tries by Davies and Varney, added to Thorburn's two penalties and a conversion against Childs's single penalty, gave the home team a comfortable half-time lead. Stuart Davies's try and Childs's penalty soon after the interval brought Swansea back into the frame but the resurgence was short-lived.

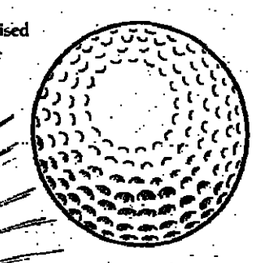
SCORERS: Neath: Tries: Davies, Varney, B Williams. Lewis, penalty try. Conversions: Thorburn (3). Penalty goals: Thorburn (3). Swansea: Tries: S Davies, Titley. Conversion: Childs. Penalty goals: Childs (2).
NEATH: P Thorburn; J Reynolds, S Crandon, A Shaw, N Lewis; M McCarthy, C Bridges; Brian Williams, J Davies, T Sturges; Glyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, A Varney, S Williams. Sturges replaced by M Morris (45min). S Williams replaced by R Jones (35).
SWANSEA: A Clement; M Titley, S Gibbs, J Bell, S Barclay, B Childs, R Jones; M Morgan, R McBride, A Metcalfe, I Davies, A Sutton, R Moriarty, E Jones, S Davies. E Jones replaced by R Webster (46).
Referee: B Waller (Cwmbran).

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Ballesteros plummets from hero to villain



David Miller observes the sad disintegration of one of the *Ryder Cup's legendary figures*

THE affection flowing towards him from the home crowd could not help bind together his disintegrating game. Severiano Ballesteros, titan of the Ryder Cup, suffered a defeat that few Americans, let alone the British, would have forecast. A memorable 3 and 2 victory for Jim Gallagher Jr, in his first singles, was reaffirmation of Ballesteros's decline.

The outcome was a reflection of a disappointing final day for Europe in what continues to be one of the finest tournaments in sport "playing not just for yourself", as Tom Watson, the victorious captain, observed afterwards.

Ballesteros went to the first tee with a record of 19 wins over 33 matches in seven of Ryder Cups, equalled only by Faldo among the present teams. The last two had come this week, winning a fourball and a foursome with Olazábal against Love and Kite.

"Seven and six, no trouble," a European Professional Golfers' Association official murmured as Ballesteros and Gallagher set off down the first fairway. Sadly for Ballesteros, and Europe, the route he followed seldom embraced the fairway as he visited parts of the course few others have seen.



Ballesteros: wayward

At 32, Gallagher is only four years the legend's junior. He had earned the last automatic place in Watson's team with a reputation for having the most second places on the United States Tour last year. He has only two victories in his career compared with his rival's 51 European titles. How could he conceivably win?

He soon showed. As the wanderings of Ballesteros helped place him in a winning position, Gallagher had the nerve to take his chance. "There are no short cuts in the Ryder Cup, nowhere to hide ... ever," *Ian Woosnam said.* Gallagher was never looking for any.

He hit it down the middle and his green approaches were often exemplary. When Ballesteros missed the birdie putt at the 16th that conceded victory, his opponent was standing to one side gazing serenely across the course as though he had never expected anything else.

In 1983, Fuzzy Zoeller, when told by Jack Nicklaus that he was to play Ballesteros, recalled that he took so many pills it was fortunate that golf had no drugs testing. Yesterday, it was Ballesteros who needed the pills. There were moments when the dark rings of fatigue beneath the eyes, the strain of hundreds of tournaments, were visible behind the amber skin.

The day was chill. Gallagher wore mittens between shots at the start and Ballesteros blew on his hands, almost reprovingly. A gusting wind tugged at the trees and clutched at any uncontrolled drive. Some of Ballesteros's tee shots swirled around like renegade kites. He was into the crowd, the water or the bunkers seven times in the first seven holes.

He went one down at the 1st, his approach bunkered, then missed his first putt from ten feet. A poor chip, stopping short from just off the green, saw him two down at the 2nd and he missed getting one back at the 3rd when his eight-foot putt bounced out of the hole.

Into the water at the par-five 4th, where the birch trees leaned like old men in the wind, he went three down. And it might have been four at the 5th when he was bunkered from the tee, hard under the shoulder with no foothold. A marvellous recovery to the green and a first putt from 50 feet to within a shoelength, gave him the half and he pulled back to two down at the 6th when it seemed both men had double bogeyed.

A wild hook from the tee found Ballesteros in a bush under a tree at the water's edge: unplayable. He dropped, as did Gallagher, when putting his second in the lake, and both two-putted. Nobody cheered.

It then became evident that Ballesteros had been given a free drop for an unnatural hazard. Could this be the seed of recovery?

Bunkered at the short 7th, he splashed out to save the half, but his edginess was apparent when, amid the applause, he swung around to grimace at a camera-happy spectator.

Suddenly, he hit one toweringly straight at the long par-four 8th, but immediately pitched through the green, chipped back short and two-putted from eight feet to go three down again. As they came to the 9th, the overall drama of the afternoon was reaching a climax.

As Woosnam halved the opening match, Ballesteros held on with a fine putt and then drew cheers as he reached for his driver at the tricky 10th, going direct across the water for the green. Landing on a hillock, he tried to putt out of rough and was bunkered to go four down. The match aggregate hovered, tantalisingly, at 9½ points each.

Ballesteros chipped dead to become three down at the 12th and hung on grimly to halve the next three. Gallagher's nerveless approaches to the 15th and 16th finally silenced the crowd's attempt to will their hero back into contention.

Woosnam unable to break Ryder Cup jinx

By Mel Webb

Ian Woosnam almost won, very nearly lost and ended up doing neither. And it all happened on one hole. It goes without saying that it was the 18th, the Ryder Cup killing ground to end them all, that provided the drama.

Woosnam halved with Fred Couples in a titanic top match and so still has not won a Ryder Cup singles in six attempts. But how close he went. It was heady, climactic stuff, the sort of golf that only this competition can produce.

Couples was bothered in the opening holes by inconsistency off the tee. He won the 1st by default when Woosnam drove into the trees, then lost the 2nd after missing the green and chipping 14 feet past the pin. The American showed his adhesive qualities to hold on until the 10th, where Woosnam birdied from four feet. The Welshman also took the 11th with a birdie three, only for Couples to win the 13th and 15th to go all-square, the position he held as he walked on to the last tee.

Couples, with the honour, pushed his tee shot a shade. Woosnam took the tiger line across the water, hit it with his usual draw and, although little better off in terms of distance — both men hit eight-iron second shots — had the more advantageous line into the flag. As Couples stood over that second shot, memories of the last time he was in this position came flooding back. In 1989, Couples came to the last all square with Christy O'Connor Jr, missed the green, while O'Connor hit the best two-iron of his life, and lost the match.

If all those thoughts did go through his mind, he did not let them show, either in deed or demeanour. He tarried for scarcely a moment, hit the ball about as well as he was able and finished ten feet from the flag. Woosnam, on the other hand, was clearly in the grips of indecision. He drew out a seven-iron, stood, thought, stood, thought, made a half-move towards his bag, thought better of it, thought some more and eventually selected his weapon.

It took a long time coming, but the shot was worth the wait. The ball set off towards the right half of the green, drew in slightly and sumptuously and finally came to a halt no more than seven feet from the flag, placed centrally and invitingly on the second of its three tiers. Woosnam clenched a fist high in triumph. The match, it seemed, was within his grasp. One more good putt and Europe would be off and running.

Couples was first to putt, there seemed little doubt about it, but there were no easy concessions to be had from either man on this day. He called for the referee, PGA European Tour man Andy McFee, to make a decision and was told to putt.

He shot was across the green with a left-to-right borrow; he picked almost the right line, but did not hit it quite hard enough and the ball broke and broke and stopped six inches on the low side of the hole. The putt was conceded. Woosnam, then, was left with a downhill putt to take the match. The crowd in the stands fell quiet. He stood over the shot, hit, missed the hole and, horror of horrors, watched the ball slide past and keep rolling.

Woosnam looked disbelieving. How could fate have treated him thus? It was not the time to have to make a four-footer for a half.

For a moment there the action stopped, time stood still, the leading characters frozen into a polychrome tableau on a velvet stage. The fawn and blue of Couples, the red and grey of Woosnam, the referee's green blazer, all stood out with added clarity.

It was difficult to know whether to look or not; a damp and chilly afternoon was suddenly charged with electricity, the oxygen sucked out of the air. Woosnam marked his ball, took a look, and with only the tiniest hesitation, struck it firmly into the back of the cup.

At last it was over, after 3½ hours of highs and lows, successes and failures, and it was the right result. The long, long intake of breath could at last be released; it was a rare and exceptional sporting moment to end a match to remember.

IAN STEWART



Woosnam escapes from a bunker during his duel with Couples yesterday

Midlands salutes fabulous Baker boy

By Patricia Davies

THERE is nothing like a sick child to put golf, even at the level of intensity of the Ryder Cup, into perspective and the man they must now call "Putter" Baker carried that knowledge with him throughout his match with Corey Pavin yesterday.

Peter Baker's daughter, Georgina, just under a year old, had been poorly for several days, although Helen, Baker's wife, kept that from him until the doctor was called on Saturday night and Georgina was taken into hospital as a precaution. On Sunday morning, word came that she was fine and Baker, mightily relieved and touched by the concern of team-mates and opponents alike, turned his attention to beating Pavin.

It had been a weary, wearing week for the Wolverhampton wanderer, who had been blooded successfully with Ian Woosnam in the fourballs, and on a raw, chilly day, he lost the first hole to a par by Pavin. The American looked relaxed, enjoying the enthusiasm of the crowds, while Baker looked set, eyes front, oblivious to the cries of "Come on, Peter," from his fellow Midlanders.

To their great relief, Baker squared the match immediately, winning the second with a par, and at the third he indicated that his putting, which had been outstanding, was still in good order. He holed a 15-footer to snatch a half and — watched by the Duke of York, who was accompanied by Tony Jacklin, by appointment — did the same again at the sixth.

That kept the match all square and it was a taste of things to come. Pavin was about to become the putter outputted. At the eighth, where Baker hit his first decent drive since the first hole, the Midlander rolled in a 12-footer for a birdie three, to take the lead. It set the match alight. Pavin reciprocated with a birdie putt at the 9th, but Baker won the 10th, the crowd's collective will forcing a 25ft uphill effort to topple into the hole. "He's unconscious," one spectator, an American, said of Baker, and he was proved right at the next hole, where the Englishman's second shot, with a three-iron, ran over the hole. Inevitably, the resulting 10ft putt disappeared and Baker had had only 15 putts in 11 holes.

It did not seem to faze Pavin, who had read one of the lessons at the service at the course in the morning and was presenting the acceptable face of American competitiveness. He holed for a two at the 12th, the pair's fifth successive birdie, but was never to pull Baker all the way back.

Reassured that everything was still fine with Georgina, Baker holed yet another 15th putt for a two at the 14th, to go back to two up.

Pavin missed a shortish one at the 15th, won the 16th, lay flat on his back after missing by a whisker from a distance at the 17th and succumbed on the 18th, to yet another birdie by Baker — his fourth of an irresistible homeward half.

Baker stood for a moment, drained, stunned, overwhelmed, before acknowledging the roar. The headlines will acclaim the Baker boy, but, on and off the course, he had become a man.

Torrance suffers painful change of fortune

By John Hopkins

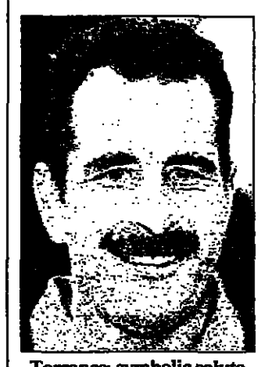
SAM Torrance arrived at The Belfry on Monday trailing clouds of glory. He was the man who holed the winning putt in the Ryder Cup eight years ago and the photograph of him, with raised arms and clenched fists, is still a symbol of the first victory at home for nearly 30 years.

It was unlikely to be the same this time. While staying at a hotel last month, Torrance went sleepwalking, crashed into a flower-filled urn and damaged his sternum. For a while, his appearance in the thirtieth Ryder Cup was in doubt.

On Wednesday night, he was affronted when Tom Watson, the United States captain, refused to sign his menu at the gala dinner. On Friday morning, he awoke to find he had an infection under the nail of the toe of his left foot. Though he played his foursomes with Mark James, he had difficulty walking.

He had some of the toenail removed and, on Saturday, he rested. On Saturday night, Bernard Gallacher, the European captain, notified Watson of Torrance's condition. Finally, yesterday morning, Torrance appeared. It was clear he had withdrawn. "I'm going into hospital to have an operation to remove the rest of the nail," he said.

Lanny Wadkins was the American whose name went into an envelope on Saturday night, the man to be dropped from the singles in the event of a European being unable to play. He went to see Torrance yesterday morning to extend his condolences. The two are friends of 20 years' standing. "Tom came to see me, too," Torrance said. "He had a look at the toe, jumped on it and said: 'That's fine'."



Torrance: symbolic salute

Wadkins had volunteered to stand down, telling his captain he felt the players who had won their places in the team should play rather than himself — one of Watson's two selections. It was an act of sportsmanship that may have weakened the American challenge. On the play of the first two days, at least one other American was in worse form than Wadkins.

It highlighted the differing views about the envelope system. "I think it's the most fair way to handle a situation such as this," Wadkins said. It has been suggested that a reserve should be in attendance, but Watson, Wadkins and Torrance were all against that.

"It wouldn't be right to have someone hanging around all week and then bring him in on Sunday," Torrance said. Perhaps the best that can be said for it is that it is the least-bad solution.

HOLE-BY-HOLE GUIDE TO THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE RYDER CUP

European names first
European win W= won
US win C= conceded

The Belfry: Par 72 (7,177 yards)
Outward nine - 36 (3,676 yards); Inward nine - 36 (3,501 yards)

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Yards	425	348	462	577	405	396	178	456	429	267	423	231	391	189	548	411	557	474	
Par	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	5	4	Result
FOURSOMES																			
N Faldo and C Montgomerie	4	4	5	5	4	4	2	W	4	4	W	W	4	W	5	4			3 & 2
L Wadkins and C Pavin	4	4	5	5	4	4	2	5	4	C	5	5	4	3	5	4			
B Langer and I Woosnam	4	4	4	W	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	W	3	5	C	5		2 & 1
F Couples and P Azinger	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	C	4	4	5	3	5	4	5		
P Baker and B Lane	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	4	4	W	4	3	5	3	5	4			3 & 2
R Floyd and P Stewart	4	4	C	4	C	4	3	4	C	4	4	3	C	3	5	4			
S Ballesteros and J-M Olazabal	W	4	4	W	4	W	3	5	5	W	5	W	4	3	5	C	5		2 & 1
D Love and T Kite	4	4	4	5	4	5	3	C	C	4	C	3	C	3	5	5	5		
Foursomes result: Europe 3, United States 1																			
MATCH POSITION: Europe 7½, United States 4½																			
FOURBALLS																			
N Faldo and C Montgomerie	3	4	4	4	4	W	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	2 holes
J Gallagher and L Janzen	3	4	4	4	4	4	C	C	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	C	
M James and C Rocca	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	W	4	4	5	3	W	3					5 & 4
C Pavin and J Gallagher	4	C	4	C	C	C	3	4	C	C	4	W	W						
I Woosnam and P Baker	4	4	W	5	W	W	3	W	W	5	4	3	4						6 & 5
F Couples and P Azinger	4	C	4	C	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4						
J-M Olazabal and J Haeggman	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	W	3	4	3	3	3	4	W	4		2 & 1
R Floyd and P Stewart	4	C	C	C	4	C	3	3	5	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	4		
Fourballs result: Europe 1, United States 3																			
MATCH POSITION: Europe 8½, United States 7½																			

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Yards	425	348	462	577	405	396	178	456	429	267	423	231	391	189	548	411	557	474	
Par	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	5	4	Result
SINGLES																			
I Woosnam	4	C	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	W	W	3	4	3	5	4	5	4	Halved
F Couples	3	5	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	
B Lane	5	4	C	C	4	4	W	4	W	4	C	4	W	4	4	5	5	5	1 hole
C Back	4	4	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	W	4	3	3	4	5	4	
C Montgomerie	C	C	4	5	4	W	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	W	4	5	4	1 hole
L Janzen	5	5	4	4	4	4	W	3	4	4	4	3	4	W	4	4	5	4	
P Baker	5	C	4	5	4	4	3	W	4	W	W	3	4	W	5	4	5	W	2 holes
C Pavin	4	5	4	5	4	4	W	4	W	4	4	C	4	3	5	W	5	4	
J Haeggman	4	4	4	5	4	4	W	4	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	C	1 hole
J Cook	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	6	
M James	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	W	W	4	4			3 & 2
P Stewart	4	W	4	4	W	4	3	W	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4			
C Rocca	4	4	5	4	C	4	W	C	4	4	4	4	4	C	4	4	6	5	1 hole
D Love	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	W	4	4	4	W	4	3	5	4	W	4	
S Ballesteros	5	5	5	6	4	C	3	5	4	4	4	W	4	3	4	4			3 & 2
J Gallagher	4	W	5	5	4	6	3	4	4	W	4	4	4	3	4	4			
J-M Olazabal	5	4	5	5	C	C	3	4	4	4	C	3	5	3	4	W	C		2 holes
R Floyd	4	4	4	5	4	4	W	4	W	4	4	C	W	C	5	4	W		
B Langer	4	4	5	4	4	5	C	4	4	4	4	W	4	3	5				5 & 3
T Kite	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	W	W	C	W	W	4	3	W				
N Faldo	5	C	5	5	C	4	W	4	C	W	5	W	5	C	5	4	C	4	Halved
P Azinger	4	4	5	4	4	4	W	5	4	4	4	W	4	C	4	4	5	W	

With the withdrawal of Torrance, each side received a half point

Singles result: Europe 4½, United States 7½

MATCH RESULT: Europe 13 United States 15

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Schumacher triumphs after Hill loses chance by stalling at start

Departing Prost secures fourth title

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN ESTORIL
PORTUGAL

A RACE rich in the symbolism of renewal and rebirth handed the departing Alain Prost his fourth world drivers' championship here yesterday as Michael Schumacher gave Formula One an invigorating glimpse of the future, claiming the second victory of his fledgling career in the Portuguese grand prix.

Less than 48 hours after announcing his impending retirement from the sport he has graced for 13 years, Prost put the title beyond the reach of his Williams-Renault teammate, Damon Hill, and his arch-rival, Ayrton Senna, by driving a typically astute, sober race to finish less than a second behind the German.

Although Hill eventually finished a fine third, his lingering hopes of the championship disappeared before the race began when he stalled his car on the grid before the formation lap and was forced to start from the back of the field. Senna was keeping his slim hopes of catching the Frenchman alive by running a strong second to Jean Alesi's Ferrari when his engine failed on the twentieth lap and he had to retire.

Schumacher's win, achieved on ageing tyres against a car with superior engine power, confirms him as the standard-bearer for a new generation of young lions, such as Mika Hakkinen and Alesi. After the race, he walked arm in arm with Prost down the pit lane and drenched him with champagne on the podium.

Prost's triumph leaves him one short of the five championships won by the Argentinian, Juan-Manuel Fangio between 1951 and 1957, but he insisted he was not tempted to try to equal the feat next year. "If I was not to retire and then win the championship again in 1994, everybody would say I should try to beat the record in 1995.

"I am quite proud about what I have done, but that is it. I have not forgotten all the criticism the team and I suffered at various stages of the season. The rules are not the same for everybody and I was thinking that if I had done one-tenth of what Hakkinen did at the beginning of the race, I would have been punished by the officials.

"I would have liked to have won the race for my team, but once I realised Damon was not there I was only thinking of the championship. I thought about overtaking Michael towards the end, but it was just not worth the risk."

Hakkinen, driving his first race of the season for McLaren, was one of three cars that exploited the gap left by Hill on the front row of the grid to hurtle past Prost into the first corner. The Finn, who did not finish the race, and then Senna edged past the Frenchman, Alesi shooting past all three of them on the outside to take the lead.

For 20 laps, Hill, who is expected to partner Senna at Williams next season, gradually clawed his way up the field, these four and Schumacher fighting out a fierce battle for the lead. Senna passed Hakkinen on the first lap, but then the positions remained the same until the Brazilian retired. Alesi, Hakkinen and Schumacher made pit stops to change tyres and Prost took the lead.

He set a blistering pace, trying to open up a gap big enough to allow him to emerge from his own change with the lead. But his efforts were in vain and he came out of the pit lane after his stop on the 29th lap to see the yellow and green blur of Schumacher's Benetton Ford disappearing round the first corner.

When Hill made his stop for tyres a lap later, Schumacher, who won his only other race in the Belgian grand prix at Spa last year, took the lead and was never headed again. His win takes him to within one point of Senna, to third place in the drivers' championship and was a testament to the hard work and attention to detail that helped make Prost such a formidable opponent.

"We have had problems with the car throughout the weekend," Schumacher, 24, said. "I stayed up until 11 o'clock last night working on it with the mechanics and when I finally went to bed all I could see was the data flickering in front of my eyes.

"We had originally intended to make two tyre stops, but after the first one I suddenly found myself in first position and it soon became clear to me that I would have to go through with one set of tyres. I took very good care of them and although Alain caught me and was quicker, I just managed to hold him off."

Hill's starting problems ended his dilemma about whether he should sacrifice his race to help Prost clinch the title or pursue individual glory. "We've had a problem with the starter and when we eventually got it going I suppose I panicked a bit and stalled the engine," he said.

"My father always used to say you meet a better class of person at the back of the grid, but I'm not sure I agree. It was pretty fraught at times. It would have been nice to win the world championship in my first year, but now I just want to concentrate on getting another win under my belt this season and strengthening my position for next year."

Despite Hill's problems, he was just eight seconds behind Schumacher at the end of the 71-lap race. By then, the contest had become a carnival of thrills and spills, with Gerhard Berger providing much of the excitement. He sped out of the pits midway through the race, lost control and instead of turning right, carried straight on across the path of Derek Warwick's Footwork and into a barrier.

PHIL O'BRIEN



Prost celebrates his championship success with Schumacher, left, and Hill, right. The Frenchman has won four titles, one less than Fangio

RACE DETAILS FROM ESTORIL

RESULT: 1, M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton, 1hr 32min 46.309sec (av speed 199.749 kph); 2, A Prost (Fr) Williams, 0.982sec behind; 3, D Hill (GB) Williams, at 8.206sec; 4, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, 1.07.605; 5, K Wendlinger (Austria) Sauber, one lap; 6, M Brundle (GB) Ligier, one lap; 7, J J Lehto (Fin) Sauber, 2 laps; 8, P Martini (It) Minardi, 2 laps; 9, C Fittipaldi (Br) Minardi, 2 laps; 10, P Alliot (Fr) Larrousse, 2 laps; 11, E Comas (Fr) Larrousse, 3 laps; 12, A de Cesaris (It) Tyrrell, 3 laps; 13, R Barrichello (Br) Jordan, 3 laps; 14, L Badoer (It) Lola, 3 laps; 15, D warwick (GB) Footwork, 8 laps; 16, R Patrese (It) Benetton, 8 laps

Did not finish: 17, P Larny (Por) Lotus, 61 laps completed; 18, J Herbert (GB) Lotus, 60; 19, M Blundell (GB) Ligier, 51 laps; 20, M Alboreto (It) Lola, 36; 21, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 35; 22, M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren, 32 laps; 23, A Suzuki (Japan) Footwork, 27; 24, A Senna (Br) McLaren, 19; 25, U Katayama (Japan) Tyrrell, 12; 26, E Nasipelli (It) Jordan, 8. Fastest lap: Hill, 1 14.859 (209.193 kph).

WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (after 14 rounds): 1, Prost, 87pts; 2, Hill, 62; 3, Senna, 53; 4, Schumacher, 52; 5, Patrese, 20; 6, Alesi, 13; 7, Brundle, 12; 8, Herbert, 11; 9 equal, Blundell, 10; and Berger, 10; 11 equal, M Andretti (US), 7; and Wendlinger, 7; 13 equal, Lehto, and Fittipaldi, 5; 15, Warwick, 4; 16 equal, Alliot, 2; 18 equal, F Barbazza (It) 2; 18 equal, A Zanardi (It), and Comas, 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams, 149pts; 2, Benetton, 72; 3, McLaren, 60; 4, Ferrari, 23; 5, Ligier, 22; 6 equal, Lotus and Sauber, 12; 8, Minardi, 7; 9, Footwork, 4; 10, Larrousse, 3.



Warwick: narrow miss

SPORT IN BRIEF

Clough accused in TV report on ticket sales

BRIAN Clough, the former Nottingham Forest manager, is the subject of allegations of irregularities over the sale of 2,000 tickets for the Rumbelows League Cup final last year in a *World in Action* television programme due to be shown on ITV tonight. The tickets are said to have been for Forest supporters for the match with Manchester United.

Their eventual sale to United supporters is alleged to have upset Wembley crowd safety arrangements and led to 50 arrests after scuffles. The accusation is made by a former ticket office manager at Forest. Clough denied the claims yesterday. Forest called in police last week to investigate "a complaint of financial irregularities".

AC Milan, beaten by Marseilles in the European Cup final in May, expect to be told by Fifa today that they will take the French club's place in the World Club Cup final in Japan in December.

Formality for finalists

TENNIS: Australia and Germany, already assured of contesting the Davis Cup final, yesterday completed 5-0 semi-final wins over India and Sweden respectively. India failed to win a set in the three days on grass at Chandigarh, Leander Paes losing to Wally Masur 6-4, 6-2 and Zeeshan Ali going down 6-3, 6-3 to Jason Stoltenberg.

Germany, who will host the final in December, completed their whitewash with straight-set wins by Michael Stich and Marc Göllner on the indoor clay court at Borlange. Stich overwhelmed Stefan Edberg 6-1, 6-1 and Göllner beat Henrik Holm 7-6, 6-4.

Harris opens account

CYCLING: Robert Harris won the 111-mile national road race championship in Derbyshire yesterday for his first victory of the season. The York rider injured his right knee in a swimming pool accident last winter and had to withdraw from Britain's team in the Rapport Tour in January. The knee held out yesterday on a hilly course as Harris went to the front with 50 yards left and won by two seconds from Matthews Stephens, Britain's best finisher in this year's world championships.

Doherty frustrated

SNOOKER: Ken Doherty was held to 4-4 by Alan McManus after the first session of their best-of-19-frame final at the Regal Scottish Masters in Motherwell yesterday, even though McManus failed to score in the four frames he lost. Doherty, of Dublin, who beat McManus 9-7 in the Welsh Open in February, was frustrated in his attempt to build a sizeable lead by the Scot's composure. Doherty finished the session with a flourish, winning the closing two frames in only 20 minutes with breaks of 118 and 85.

Martin dominates

SQUASH: Michelle Martin's defeat of her compatriot, Liz Irving, in the final of the women's World Open championship in Johannesburg on Saturday increased Australia's number of world titles to six of the eight available. The 26-year-old from Sydney needed only 31 minutes to beat Irving, the No 2 seed, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1 and complete her fourth leading tournament victory this year. She did not drop a game during the championship. Her brother, Rodney, was men's world champion in 1991.

Devils turn up heat

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils look unbeatable. A 7-5 away win over Bracknell Bees on Saturday was their third in as many games in the Benson and Hedges Cup and they have won both of their premier division games. In contrast, Nottingham Panthers and Humberside Seahawks had anything but an easy passage against lower division teams — Panthers were 2-1 down at home to Slough Jets early in the second period but came back to win 4-2, while Seahawks struggled to beat Milton Keynes 6-5.

Bears claw back to gain first victory

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

WORTHING Bears gained a spectacular and controversial first victory, over Manchester Giants, in their defence of the English basketball league title, but it took the help of an intentional foul, a technical against the visiting coach, Jeff Jones, and a rally generated by the crowd's response to the actions of their fierce rivals.

Before a capacity crowd on the south coast, the Bears won 107-102 as tempers erupted in the last three minutes on Saturday. Ahead 57-51 at half-time, the Giants had led by nine points midway through the second quarter on the way to what looked like a second defeat for the Bears following last week's reverse at Guildford. Kurt Samuels (28) and Joe Hillman (25) had contributed most of the visitors' points before Colin Irish (31) sparked a recovery.

With Worthing hanging on at 103-100, Irish commiserated with Trevor Gordon after a heavy foul to be greeted by an abrasive response from his opponent. It was then that the Worthing crowd, remembering Gordon's violent altercation with Alan Cunningham last year, got behind their team.

Chris Fite, Manchester's American newcomer, committed an intentional foul and in his prolonged argument that the offence was on Harried and not Lewis (27), who had sunk the free throws, Jones was pulled up for a technical from which Irish benefited.

Before a crowd of almost 3,500, a league record, Birmingham Bullets celebrated their move into the National Indoor Arena by beating Leicester Riders 90-87, Harris sinking the decisive free throws in the final seconds of the match.

Peter Scantlebury scored 20 points for Thames Valley Tigers in the 120-68 demolition of Hemel Royals to become the first Englishman to reach 5,000 league points.

Castleford wilt under late barrage after Dwyer's try

Castleford	18
St Helens	35

BY A CORRESPONDENT

ST HELENS finally showed something of the form that took them close to the championship last season in a hugely entertaining game at Wheldon Road yesterday. There was only one point in it midway through the second half before Castleford cracked to give St Helens their first away win of the season.

They began with more purpose than they had shown all season and got points on the board in their first attack after three minutes, when slick passing between Griffiths, Cooper and Nickle sent Ropati over by the posts.

St Helens looked threatening every time they got into the opposition 22, whereas Castleford, when they created good attacking positions, were let down by bad handling. Veivers put St Helens further ahead with a fine individual effort before Castleford's luck changed. Griffiths was unable to secure possession and his opposite number, Ford, tapped the loose ball over the line to score.

Loughlin increased the St Helens lead with a penalty, cancelled out by Crooks, before Castleford got on terms with a fine try. Nikau attacked down the middle and slipped the ball to Anderson, who in turn fed Smith to touch down under the posts. The successul conversion ensured that the teams would go in at half-time all square.

The second half proved equally entertaining, Loughlin and Crooks exchanging penalties before O'Donnell, who had replaced Griffiths, nudged St Helens ahead with a dropped goal. Mann then followed up a neat kick by Joynt to score a try.

Castleford bounced back with a fine try by Ellis, after a sweeping move, before fate took a hand. O'Donnell's attempt at a dropped goal was deflected by Sampson and Dwyer dived on the loose ball to score. Loughlin converted and Castleford wilted as St Helens collected further tries through Nickle and Joynt.

SCORERS: Castleford: Tries: Ford, Smith, Ellis. Conversion: Crooks Penalties: Crooks (2). St Helens: Tries: Ropati, Veivers, Mann, Dwyer, Joynt, Nickle Conversions: Loughlin (3). Penalties: Loughlin (2). Dropped goal: O'Donnell

CASTLEFORD: G Steadman, St J Ellis, R Blackmore, G Anderson (sub: A Fisher, 45 min), S Maddison, T Smith, M Ford, L Crooks, R Russell, M Kettendge (sub: D Sampson, 15), A Fisher (sub: T Momson, 40), I Smales, T Nikau.

ST HELENS: D Lyon; M Riley, P Veivers, P Loughlin, L Quirk; T Ropati (sub: J Griffiths, 51), J Griffiths (sub: G O'Donnell, 40), J Neil (sub: A Dannatt, 49), B Dwyer, G Mann, C Joynt, S Nickle, S Cooper

Referee: D Campbell (Widnes)

☐ Richard Webster, the Swansea rugby union flanker, seems likely to turn professional with Salford. Webster, who watched Salford's match yesterday, is considering a five-year contract.

The New Zealand party will arrive in Britain today without three of its squad. Paul Johnson, Jason Donnelly and Jason Lowrie are expected to join later this week.

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Hobley on song for Slough

Hightown	1
Slough	2

BY A CORRESPONDENT

SLOUGH, after disappointing last season, showed that they are once again a force to be reckoned with in this deserved National League victory at Formby cricket club yesterday.

Hightown, runners-up last season and hoping to open their campaign on a winning note, were put under pressure for much of the match and forced into uncharacteristic defensive errors.

A goal in each half by the former England forward, Lesley Hobley, sealed victory for Slough, whose manager, Rosemary Young said: "We deserved to win. I thought we looked fitter and were quicker in the game, but I think we wanted the result more than they did."

After squandering three penalty corners, Slough took the lead after 11 minutes when Karen Brown intercepted a weak free hit and slipped the ball to Hobley, who finished clinically. Brown, who was outstanding in midfield, was just wide with two rasping drives from penalty corners before Mandy Potlow set up the second goal. She broke down the right flank before crossing to Hobley, who guided the ball under goalkeeper Carolyn Reid.

Tina Cullen reduced the deficit in the the 58th minute when she netted the rebound from Maggie Souyave's shot after sweeper Sue Chandler had been dispossessed.

Clifton also made a winning start when they beat a depleted Chelmsford side 3-1. Two late goals by Alison Swindlehurst, from penalty corners, secured victory after the teams had been level at half-time. Ros Gollop opened the scoring for Clifton and Chelmsford's goal came from their captain, Lynn Bollington.

HIGHTOWN: C Reid; D Mills, J Crook, C Cook, L Maraden, T Mawdsley, F Lee, L Carr, M Souyave, N Stokes, T Cullen

SLOUGH: S Knight, S Chandler, M Potlow, A Burd, J Robertson, M Hall, J Parkinson, K White, K Brown, S Wright, L Hobley.

Umpires: G Clarke and W Mould.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.15 Sparkling Lyric. 2.45 Full Feather. 3.15 Kennedys Prima. 3.45 Diesen. 4.15 Quick Steel. 4.45 Daily Star. 5.15 Highland Spirit. 5.45 Salome's Dance.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 Swedish Invader.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 TETTENHALL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,243: 7f) (15 runners)

1	06	AT THE SAVOY 21 C Booth 9-0	N Connorton	9
2	00	HEALTHY RISK 11 M Blanchard 9-0	J Carroll	8
3	0	STEEL SOVEREIGN 7 Mrs M Reveley 9-0	J Fanning	10
4	2	SWEDISH INVADER 24 A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	14
5	60	THE ARDINGLY FAIR 54 B Meehan 9-0	C Hodgson (3)	11
6	04	CAZANOVE'S PET 28 G Bravery 8-9	A Munro	15
7	0006	CHELSEA LADY 80 B Ellison 8-9	M Wood	12
8		GINKA W Ham 8-9	S Procter	1
9	00	GOLDEN FERN 26 P Walwyn 8-9	Paul Eddery	13
10	0	HALL OF PEARLS 49 Mrs N Macauley 8-9	A Clark	2
11		MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS R Hollinshead 8-9	W Ryan	4
12	0	OUR STELLA 20 J Scargill 8-9	G Hind	2
13	0	PEARL DAISY 59 P Feilden 8-9	N Carlisle	5
14	03	SPARKLING LYRIC 18 M Jarvis 8-9	W Woods	6
15		SUCCESS STORY Lord Huntingdon 8-9	D Harrison	7

9-4 Swedish Invader, 11-4 Sparkling Lyric, 5-1 Success Story, 7-1 Ginka, 8-1 Golden Fern, 10-1 Cazanove's Pet, 12-1 At the Savoy, 20-1 others.

2.45 SEDGELEY SELLING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (12)

1	0160	FULL FEATHER 20 (F) J Gosden 9-4	Pat Eddery	12
2	0060	MATTHEW DAVID 124 (CD,G) S Bowring 9-4	G Strange (7)	9
3	0304	RED LEADER 14 (D,BF,6,5) P Cole 9-4	T G McLaughlin (7)	6
4	4046	SECOND COLOURS 42 (D,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 9-4	W Ryan	7
5	0500	THE FED 28 (V,F) A Wragger 9-4	B Raymond	2
6	0051	TRENTESIMO 13 (D,F,6,5) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll	1
7	0366	BRIGHT GEM 68 (CD,G) T Fairhurst 8-13	J Fanning	8
8	5642	MOVING IMAGE 11 (C,6,5) H Collingridge 8-13	C Dwyer	10
9	4350	SPLASH OF SALT 16 (CD,6) T Naughton 8-13	Paul Eddery	4
10	3-00	JOCKS JOKER 7 Capt. J Wilson 8-11	A Mackay	3
11	5060	MAGICATION 14 (D,F) J Balding 8-6	Claire Balding (7)	5
12	5560	SAMANTHAS JOY 10 A Potts 8-6	C Hodgson (3)	11

6-4 Full Feather, 9-2 Trentesimo, 5-1 Red Leader, 7-1 Splash Of Salt, 8-1 Moving Image, 10-1 Second Colours, 14-1 The Fed, Magication, 16-1 others.

3.15 COCA COLA SCHWEPPES APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (12)

1	2245	CLANROCK 58 R Whitaker 9-0	G Parkin (3)	12
2	0052	MARCHMAN 30 (BF) J Berry 9-0	P Roberts (3)	5
3	63P3	MELODIC DRIVE 14 P Felgate 9-0	J Edmunds (7)	6
4	6434	NOBLE MEASURE 10 (B,BF) S Bowring 9-0	G Strange (5)	1
5	6	COOL ETOILE 6 R Hollinshead 8-9	L Aspell (3)	4
6	0000	DONTBETALKING 14 J Wharton 8-9	R Palmer	9
7		GREAT BIRTY A Hamsby 8-9	M Harris (5)	10
8	0300	KENNEDYS PRIMA 38 A Scott 8-9	D Gibbs	7
9	2003	LUCKY MEL 23 (B) F Lee 8-9	D Griffiths (5)	2
10	5300	MAGIC PEARL 2 E Alston 8-9	S Knott (5)	8
11	40	PROMITTO 28 B McMahon 8-9	J Brimbell (5)	3
12	0340	RUSSIA WITH LOVE 23 J Bethell 8-9	K Sked (10)	11

3-1 Kennedys Prima, 4-1 Marchman, 5-1 Clanrock, 7-1 Russia With Love, 8-1 Magic Pearl, 10-1 Melodic Drive, Noble Measure, 12-1 Promitto, 16-1 others

3.45 LEVY BOARD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,523: 7f) (10)

1	1231	DIESAN 16 (D,5) J Gosden 9-8	M Roberts	9
2	1	ASKERN 33 (D,F) J Hanson 9-2	E Johnson	6
3	15	CAZZUTO 43 (D,6) J Dunlop 9-2	A Munro	8
4	0110	HAM N'EGGS 18 (D,F) R Hannon 9-2	Pat Eddery	1
5	124	POLISH ADMIRAL 24 (F) C Wall 9-0	W Woods	4
6	133	COTTER CHIEF 24 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 8-10	D Harrison	5
7	0600	HILTONS TRAVELS (V,5) E Alston 8-10	S Knott (7)	7
8	01	LOVE OF THE NORTH 65 (CD,6) R Jukes 8-10	T Wall	2
9	00	SHAWN CUDDY 12 J Harris 8-10	Paul Eddery	3
10	0060	SILVERISTE 14 C Smith 8-10	M Wigham	10

6-4 Diesan, 4-1 Ham N'Eggs, 5-1 Polish Admiral, 7-1 Cotter Chief, 8-1 Askern, 10-1 Cazzuto, 20-1 others.

4.15 BLACK COUNTRY LIMITED STAKES (£3,004: 7f) (15)

1	4103	ASTERIX 16 (D,F,5) J Bradley 5-9-0	Mark Denaro (7)	9
2	1031	COLTRANE 6 (V,C,G,5) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-0	A Munro	15
3	0005	FARMER JOCK 27 (F,5) Mrs N Macauley 11-9-0	M Roberts	1
4	0520	LEGEND DULAC 16 (D,6,5) J Harris 4-9-0	J Carroll	5
5	00-0	LORD VIMENNE 7 (C,D,F,6) Mrs P Barker 4-9-0	F Norton	4
6	3400	PRINCE BELFORT 9 (F) J Eyre 5-9-0	Pat Eddery	12
7	5120	QUICK STEEL 25 (B,C,D,6,5) T McGovern 5-9-0	R Price	13
8	4100	SIRTELMAR 177 (C,6) R Spicer 4-9-0	A Mackay	10
9	3630	STRIP CARTOON 14 (C,6,5) S Bowring 5-9-0	G Strange (7)	8
10	6501	CELESTINE 9 (V,D,F,6,5) T Fairhurst 4-8-9	J Fanning	11
11	-000	ETERNAL FLAME 20 (D,F,6) J Hetherton 5-8-9	B Raymond	2
12	3003	GLENFIELD GRETA 12 (B,C,D,F,6) P Felgate 5-8-9	Claire Balding (7)	14
13	1009	LADY SABO 23 (C,F) R Spicer 4-8-9	A Garth (5)	6
14	6003	NELLIE'S GAMBLE 9 (CD,6,5) A Stringer 3-8-5	L Newton (5)	7
15	0004	ROSE FLYER 13 (CD,6) M Chapman 3-8-5	D McCabe (5)	3

4-1 Collarne, 6-1 Prince Bellort, 7-1 Celestine, 8-1 Asterix, Farmer Jock, 10-1 Eternal Flame, Legend Dulac, 12-1 Quick Steel, Lady Sabo, 14-1 others.

4.45 CODSALL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,416: 6f) (12)

1	6412	MARJORIE'S MEMORY 54 (6) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7	W Ryan	6
2	0036	WAAFED 8 (B) A Scott 9-3	B Raymond	10
3	4214	LAUNE 33 (F) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	7
4	5301	JASARI 21 (D,F) R Hannon 8-13	M Roberts	1
5	2232	JAREEF'S WAY 27 (V,BF) R Charlton 8-13	Pat Eddery	4
6	2340	GONE TO POT 23 (V) R Johnson Houghton 8-12	A Clark	2
7	5212	DAILY STAR 12 (D,BF,F) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	8
8	0322	QUEEN'S TRUST 52 (BF) J Dunlop 8-6	A Munro	3
9	441	BOLD ALEX 9 (D,5) S Norton 8-2	S Maloney (3)	5
10	5566	ZUNO NOELVN 19 G Lewis 8-2	D Harrison	12
11	2000	SPRING LOADED 12 Mrs M Reveley 7-12	J Fanning	11
12	465	LINCOLN TREASURE 10 M Chapman 7-12	D McCabe (5)	9

4-1 Jasari, 9-2 Jareef's Way, 11-2 Bold Alex, 7-1 Waafed, 8-1 Daily Star, Spring Loaded, 10-1 Gone To Pot, 12-1 others.

5.15 WEST MIDLAND FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,816: 1m 4f) (15)

1	4050	ELAINE TULLY 7 (6) M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-0	J Carroll	4
2	2060	ZAJIRA 6 (5) R Armstrong 3-8-7	R Price	14
3	1130	BOBBYSOXER 23 (D,F,6) J Dunlop 3-9-4	Pat Eddery	13
4	1000	BALADIYA 10 (D,6,5) D Morris 6-8-11	C Hodgson (3)	2
5	0-05	LADY BUCHAN 21 W Tinkler 4-8-8	Kim Tinkler	12
6	00/3	HIGHLAND SPIRIT 16 (F) M Pipe 5-8-8	D Harrison	5
7	0040	ROMOLA KUNSKY 7 (5) P Evans 5-8-8	S Maloney (3)	7
8	1441	SILKY HEIGHTS 45 (CD,F,6) M Camacho 3-8-5	N Connorton	8
9	-004	ZANZE 18 J Gosden 3-8-4	M Roberts	15
10	0040	MATARIS 28 (V) P Walwyn 3-8-2	Paul Eddery	6
11	120	MADAM GYMCHAK 12 (C,5) G Holmes 3-8-2	Julie Bowker	3
12	2122	ARCTIC GUEST 10 (D,F,6) M Johnston 3-8-0	T Williams	10
13	4100	FAMOUS BEAUTY 21 (D,F,6,5) R Hollinshead 6-7-9	A Garth (5)	1
14	6320	TAHODA 10 (D,F,6,5) M Britain 7-7-8	A Mackay	9
15	0000	KENNINGTON PROTON 49J R Jukes 3-7-7	T Wall	11

4-1 Highland Spirit, 11-2 Silky Heights, 6-1 Bobbysoxer, 7-1 Elaine Tully, 8-1 Zajira, 10-1 Zanze, Mataris, 12-1 Tahoda, 14-1 others.

5.45 TETTENHALL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,243: 7f) (14)

1	0400	BEDAZZLE 11 M Britain 9-0	M Wigham	10
2	50	FAWLTY TOWERS 12 P Cole 9-0	A Munro	5
3	0	OLIVER-J 24 R Lee 9-0	D Harrison	2
4		RESPONSE J Scargill 9-0	G Hind	7
5	00	STAR PERFORMER 7 Mrs M Reveley 9-0	J Fanning	13
6	00	WORLD TRAVELLER 62 W O'Gorman 9-0	B Raymond	12
7	0	ANGELIC DANCER 84 (V) S Bowring 8-9	N Connorton	6
8	0	CHARLYMOON 124 R Hannis 8-9	C Dwyer	4
9	04	CHITA RIVERA 10 P Makin 8-9	Pat Eddery	9
10		FAMILIAR ART J Fanshawe 8-9	W Ryan	14
11	00	GWERNYMYNYDD 83 B Hills 8-9	S Maloney (3)	11
12	0	MY MOONA 51 P Hobbs 8-9	A Clark	1
13	0	SALOME'S DANCE 63 M Prescott 8-9	M Roberts	3
14		WACKY A Stewart 8-9	J Carroll	8

7-2 Chita Rivera, 5-1 Fawlty Towers, 6-1 Salome's Dance, 7-1 Wacky, 8-1 Familiar Art, 10-1 World Traveller, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 6 winners from 27 runners, 29.6%; M Pipe, 6 from 30, 26.7%; J Dunlop, 11 from 42, 26.2%; P Cole, 13 from 53, 24.5%; M Jarvis, 9 from 37, 24.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 18 from 78, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 7 winners from 34 rides, 20.6%; N Connorton, 8 from 53, 15.1%; D R McCabe, 8 from 54, 14.8%; B Raymond, 8 from 61, 13.1%; W Ryan, 19 from 155, 12.3%; A Munro, 17 from 144, 11.8%.

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GOLF: Golf Foundation Schools Championship (Beaconsfield, John O'Gaunt, Widnes)

SPEEDWAY: First division (7.30) Reading v Arena-Essex, Wolves v Cradley Heath.

ED BYRNE



Bigstone, nearside, proves too powerful for Barathea in a thrilling finish to the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot

Wemyss Bight cut to 3-1 for Arc

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

WEMYSS Bight, the chosen ride of Pat Eddery in the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, is the new favourite with Ladbrokes for Europe's top middle-distance race at Longchamp on Sunday.

The significant betting change follows considerable rainfall over the weekend, changing the going at the Paris track to almost heavy, conditions which are likely to count against Hernando, the Francois Boutin-trained French Derby winner, who has been the Arc market leader for several weeks.

The shrewd judgment of Mike Dillon, the Ladbroke representative, in big races is renowned and his decision to push Hernando out a point to 7-2 and promote Wemyss Bight to 3-1 favourite is likely to set the tone for the run-up to the Arc.

"I have taken the decision because of the prevailing ground conditions. It's almost heavy at Longchamp and I think there is a grave doubt about the horse's stamina in such conditions," he said yesterday.

Wemyss Bight, winner of the Irish Oaks, is one of five likely Andre Fabre runners and Europe's top trainer is 5-4 to follow up last year's Arc victory with Subotica.

Only Royale, Luca Cumani's rapidly improving filly, looks as though she will make the Longchamp line-up after delighting the Newmarket trainer with a recent piece of work. "I shall try to persuade the owner to supplement her for the race [at a cost of around £35,000]," he said yesterday.

Fabre, who has sent out 34 group race winners this year compared to the next best of 18 by Richard Hannon and 16 by Francois Boutin, intends running Intrepidity, Bright Moon, Modhish and Dernier Empereur as well as Wemyss Bight. "There are five prizes in the Arc, aren't there?" Fabre joked on Saturday as he announced his five runners. Michael Dickinson saddled the first five home in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup and if any trainer can come close to emulating that feat in the Arc, it is Fabre.

Fabre travelled to Ascot on Saturday to represent Elie Lellouche and Daniel Wildenstein, trainer and owner of Bigstone, who stayed in France to celebrate the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur. With Pat Eddery riding a Wildenstein horse for the first time since 1978, when he was unceremoniously dumped by the Parisian art dealer for finishing fourth in the Ascot Gold Cup on Buckskin, Bigstone proved himself Europe's top miler by landing the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

The race proved an ideal Breeders' Cup trial with at least three of the first four home now set to race at Santa Anita in November. Barathea, who ran his best race and looked the likely winner until caught inside the final hundred yards, has three alternatives. "We may put him away for the season, run in the Prix de la Foret at Longchamp on Sunday or go for the Breeders' Cup mile," Cumani said yesterday.

Kingmambo, who finished third, found the soft ground stretching his stamina to the limit and should appreciate the faster conditions in California.

The fourth-placed Sayyedati was also inconvenienced by the going and lost 16 kilos due to her exertions. "She will have two easy weeks, swimming and relaxing. We have got six weeks to the Breeders' Cup where she will probably run in the Sprint," Clive Brittain, trainer of the 1,000 Guineas winner, said yesterday.

The Fillies' Mile and the Royal Lodge Stakes, the two group one races for two-year-olds, provided a thrilling spectacle but the form is hard to evaluate. Mister Baileys, winner of the colts' race, certainly has the scope to make up into a useful middle distance horse next year but, with three lengths covering the first six home in the fillies' event, led by Fairy Heights who provided Neville Callaghan with his first group one success, the form may be nothing special.

It certainly will not worry the connections of Lemon Souffle and Coup De Genie, who head the market for next year's 1,000 Guineas. Coup De Genie runs in the Prix Marcel Boussac on Sunday and so misses a clash with Lemon Souffle in the Cheveley Park Stakes on Wednesday.

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Nap: JAYANNPEE
(3.35 Bath)
Next best: Deb's Ball
(4.30 Hamilton Park)

Ascot needs to discard its outmoded bowler hats

Bowler hats and denim clothing have enjoyed sharply contrasting fortunes in recent times. The headgear, invented in 1850 by Thomas William Bowler, was the epitome of everything British when there was an Empire to run and half a crown paid for a night out at the pub.

Now it is worn by a curious collection of bods, ranging from men in suits with orange sashes in Northern Ireland, who insist on marching while playing the flute, to the formidable band of ex-Army gatemen and officials at Ascot racecourse.

While "bowlers" have fallen from grace, jeans have become the most popular item of clothing in the western world. They are worn by both sexes, young and old, rich and poor — unless they attempt to go into the members' or Tattersalls' enclosures at Ascot. In which case, they will be refused entry by a gatemen wearing a hat which would make him an object of curiosity in many parts of the land.

The ability of Ascot to be so out of touch with reality and, worse, to resist much-needed change, helps to explain why a growing number of people are put off from attending the Queen's racecourse.

On Saturday, the so-called Festival of British Racing produced a thrilling afternoon's sport, with racing of the highest quality. Yet spectators, like the sponsors the racecourse signally failed to attract, chose to stay away in increasing numbers.

On the equivalent day in 1991, when Selkirk triumphed in pouring rain, 17,372 people braved the elements. Last year, on a fine day, the crowd was down 12.2 per cent to 15,248. On Saturday, a further 7.1 per cent reduction saw just 14,173 people tempted by what is advertised as the best day's racing of the year.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

Nicky Beaumont, the clerk of the course, said the figures were "disappointing rather than disastrous" and cited the weather, the televised Ryder Cup and the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur as reasons for people staying away. The excuses are valid to an extent, but should not be allowed to mask the truth. The crowds at Ascot on Thursday and Friday also fell by the same margin for the third-year running. Even more telling, the attendances at Royal Ascot this year were down by 15,000, whereas Chester, York, Goodwood, Doncaster and Newmarket have all enjoyed increased popularity at their main meetings.

The truth is that while there is much about Ascot which represents the best in British racing, there is too much which reflects the worst.

A course which stubbornly rejects sponsorship at the royal meeting because it fears commercialism might taint its wares, should not be surprised if sponsors stay away when it deigns to allow financial backing for its grandly-titled festival.

Similarly, it is no wonder that the perceived starchy and snobbish attitude, which prompted racehorse owners to vote Ascot the least popular course earlier this year, deterred spectators on Saturday. People can find better ways of spending £19 (members) or £12 (Tattersalls) and they can resist inflated prices for often mediocre food and drink.

Ascot must change its attitude and attempt to capture the festival feeling of Goodwood, York and Doncaster. It could make a valuable start by banning the bowler and letting in the denim.

Snurge falls short of milestone

SNURGE narrowly missed becoming the leading British-trained money-winner when, needing to finish third, he was edged into fourth in the closing stages of the group one Europa Preis at Cologne yesterday.

Monsun, who started at 22-10, took up the running three furlongs from home and beat Kornado by 3½ lengths. Snurge moved into second 2½ furlongs out but tired in the heavy ground approaching the final furlong.

However, Jack Berry's Palacegate Episode enjoyed better fortune, making all to win the listed Iduna Nova Flieger Preis by 1¼ lengths from Fleet For Europe. She will return to Germany next Sunday for the listed Dortmunder Fliegerpreis.

At Cologne on Saturday, the Queen's Enharmonic finished last in the group two Grosser Kaufhof Preis won by Nasr Allah.

☐ Tom Dyer, who trains near Dundee, landed the £9,551 Mercedes Benz Norwegian Champion Hurdle at Ovrevoll yesterday with Bay Tern.

BATH

THUNDERER
1.35 Spring Saint
2.05 Geisway
2.35 Zuboon
3.05 Fawaran
3.35 HIGH HOLME (nap)
4.05 Reason To Dance
4.35 Bardolph

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 HIGH HOLME.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F 11YD - 1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.35 ALDIE APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,847: 1m 5yd) (10 runners)

1 (2) 22052 RAFTERS 6 (B Haggas) W Haggas 4-10-0 .... S Giles 88
2 (7) 0058 ELTARA 12 (G Shropshire) W Jarvis 3-8-7 .... M Humphries 89
3 (8) 0-400 BOLD STAR 10 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 3-8-7 .... J Dennis (5) 89
4 (3) 440400 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 17 (B) (M Thurgood) M Usher 4-8-2 .... A Lakeman (5) 96
5 (6) 5/460-06 SPRING SAINT 11 (B) (Miss C Horler) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-2 .... P McCabe 90
6 (9) 006433 MY MINNIE 48 (Mrs W Protheroe-Beynon) R Hodges 3-8-2 .... S Drowne 91
7 (5) 0-60302 ALL THE GIRLS 14 (R Adams) R Dickin 4-7-7 .... F Savage (7) 91
8 (1) 000-00 MIM 73 (R Mead) G Balding 3-7-7 .... N Varley 87
9 (10) 050030 TOUT DE VAL 6 (Mrs V Perham) K Bishop 4-7-7 .... A Whelan (5) 86
10 (4) 660050 WESSEX MILORD 81 (B) (Miss J Blackwell) J Bennett 8-7-7 .... W Hawksley (7) 71

Long handicap: All The Girls 7-6, Mim 7-5, Tout De Val 6-13, Wessex Milord 6-8.
BETTING: 2-1 Rafters, 4-1 My Minnie, 5-1 All The Girls, 6-1 Spring Saint, 8-1 Eltara, Bold Star, 14-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RAFTERS 3l 2nd of 11 to Devils Den in maiden at Nottingham (1m, heavy). WHATEVER'S RIGHT best recent effort when about 7¾l 4th of 13 to Tinashe in maiden handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm). MY MINNIE about 1½l 3rd of 17 to Miss Crusty in maiden handicap over course and distance (good to firm). ALL THE GIRLS neck 2nd of 18 to Mogwai in selling handicap over course and distance (good). TOUT DE VAL 3l 3rd of 10 to Sharp Gazelle in claimer at Brighton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: MY MINNIE

2.05 MORRIS DANCER CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,501: 1m 5yd) (5 runners)

1 (5) 100430 PAY HOMAGE 16 (D,F,G) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 5-9-12 .... L Dettori 90
2 (2) 2-10045 GEISWAY 17 (D,F,G) (P Green) R Hannon 3-9-5 .... J Reid 92
3 (1) 001150 KNOCK TO ENTER 11 (D,F,G) (R Payne) M Williams 5-9-2 .... J Williams 93
4 (4) 110-6 DESERT SHOT 11 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-12 .... R Cochrane 93
5 (3) 004644 BASHAYER 16 (B,D,BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-7 .... W Carson 99

BETTING: 7-4 Geisway, 9-4 Bashayer, 7-2 Pay Homage, 5-1 Desert Shot, 8-1 Knock To Enter.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PAY HOMAGE 8¾l 9th of 14 to Fraam in handicap at Doncaster (1m, soft). GEISWAY about 5¾l 4th of 9 to Spartan Shareef in group III September Stakes at Kempton (1m 3f, good) on penultimate start. DESERT SHOT 5¾l 6th of 9 to Sumoto in conditions race at Lingfield (7f, soft), with KNOCK TO ENTER (6lb worse off) 10l 7th. BASHAYER about 2¼l last of 4 to Um Algowain in conditions race at Chepstow (1m 2f, good).
Selection: GEISWAY

2.35 EBF DODINGTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,175: 1m 2f 46yd) (15 runners)

1 (6) 0 ASTRAL INVASION 17 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 .... J Reid –
2 (3) 0 BLAAZING JOE 76 (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 9-0 .... T Quinn –
3 (5) 0 BODANTREE 39 (R Brookhouse) J Spearing 9-0 .... V Slattery (5) –
4 (4) 0 BRIDIE'S PRIDE 7 (K White) G Ham 9-0 .... N Adams –
5 (12) 004 DEBLYN 13 (P Warren) R Curtis 9-0 .... G Duffield 69
6 (8) 0 L'AVENTURE 7 (B) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 9-0 .... T Rogers –
7 (9) LITTLE BROOK (R Page) T Jones 9-0 .... R Perham –
8 (7) 0 MAJOR CLINTON 16 (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 .... L Dettori –
9 (1) 0 MISTER MAYBE 9 (Mrs F Cooney, Mrs A Turner) R Hannon 9-0 .... A McGlone –
10 (14) 450460 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 14 (V) (K Leadbeater) P Murphy 9-0 .... J Williams 82
11 (11) 00 TOMMY COOPER 24 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs Barbara Waring 9-0 .... W Newnes 86
12 (10) 5 VINTAGE TIMES 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 .... D Biggs –
13 (13) 2422 ZUBOON 11 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 .... W Carson 99
14 (15) 323305 RITA'S JOY 12 (Mrs A Croft) W G M Turner 8-9 .... P McCabe (5) 79
15 (2) 0 ST KITTS 20 (T Lightbowne) W G M Turner 8-9 .... T Sprake –

BETTING: 2-1 Zuboon, 3-1 Astral Invasion, 6-1 Blaazing Joe, 8-1 Vintage Times, Major Clinton, 10-1 others.
1992: STAR MANAGER 9-0 T Quinn (3-1) P Cole 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLAAZING JOE 16l 11th to Majestic Heights in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). NORTHERN STARLIGHT about 7l 6th to Mr Rough in nursery at Leicester (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with RITA'S JOY (12lb better off) 11½l 7th. VINTAGE TIMES 17¾l 5th to Cicerao in maiden at Goodwood (1m, good to soft), with MAJOR CLINTON 13½l 7th. ZUBOON head 2nd of 10 to Beats Working in nursery at Ayr (1m, good to firm).
Selection: ZUBOON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J King	7	19	36.8	B Doyle	4	15	26.7
W Hern	9	36	25.0	W Carson	17	75	22.7
B Hills	19	80	23.8	J Reid	25	125	20.0
W Jarvis	3	14	21.4	G Duffield	11	56	19.6
Lord Huntingdon	4	22	18.2	T Quinn	21	132	15.9
R Akehurst	7	39	17.9	R Cochrane	9	69	13.0

3.05 MERE MAIDEN STAKES (£4,045: 1m 2f 46yd) (15 runners)

1 (8) DISTANT MILL 237J (B Smith) R Dickin 5-9-4 .... D Meredith (5) –
2 (7) 0/050F0- HASTY SPARK 242J (D Allen) B Smart 5-9-4 .... Stephen Davies (3) –
3 (10) MASTER MURPHY 236J (Castle Farm Stud) P Murphy 4-9-4 .... J Williams –
4 (11) 0- BUNDERBURG 346 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12 .... D Holland –
5 (6) FAWARAN (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-12 .... W Carson –
6 (12) 0-00 HARD EIGHT 147 (M Hawkes) A Stewart 3-8-12 .... A McGlone –
7 (14) 0-5304 LANKRIDGE 19 (Mrs H Dalgety) W Hern 3-8-12 .... J Reid 96
8 (5) SPIKE (Mrs D Hickman) T Casey 3-8-12 .... T Rogers –
9 (13) ULTIMATE WARRIOR (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-12 .... D Biggs –
10 (15) 43-424 BAWAETH 37 (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 3-8-7 .... M Hills 99
11 (3) 2-43 DUKRAME 97 (P Goulandris) H Candy 3-8-7 .... W Newnes 90
12 (1) 000006 EASY TOUCH 16 (Mrs J Wilkinson) D Haydn Jones 3-8-7 .... S Whitworth 68
13 (4) 0 EUSTATIA 80 (Cleeve Racing) M Bolton 3-8-7 .... C Rutter –
14 (9) 45 PRINCESS SIOUX 6 (P Horwood) A Scott 3-8-7 .... G Duffield 91
15 (2) 06 SYLVIA MACUSHLA 73 (T Lyons II) A Jarvis 3-8-7 .... T Quinn 88

BETTING: 7-2 Dukrame, 4-1 Bawaeth, Fawaran, 5-1 Lankridge, 6-1 Bunderburg, 12-1 Princess Sioux, 14-1 Sylvia Macushla, 16-1 Hard Eight, 20-1 Ultimate Warrior, 25-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LANKRIDGE 6¾l 4th of 9 to Tickerty's Gift in rated stakes at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, soft). BAWAETH 7l 2nd of 10 to Vishnu in maiden at Pontefract (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. DUKRAME 3¾l 3rd of 10 to Seaside Quest in maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, good to firm). EASY TOUCH 8¾l 6th of 14 to Labudd in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good). PRINCESS SIOUX 9l 5th of 19 to Elata in maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, soft). Previously, 7l 4th of 11 to El Jubail in maiden at Chepstow (1m 2f, firm), with LANKRIDGE 11½l 5th. SYLVIA MACUSHLA about 8l 6th of 9 to Pidon in maiden at Thirsk (7f, good to firm).
Selection: BAWAETH

3.35 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,379: 5f 11yd) (15 runners)

1 (8) 32 JAYANNPEE 13 (BF) (J Panicchi) I Balding 8-9 .... L Dettori 85
2 (4) 50 CLASSICAL 12 (D Allen) B Meehan 8-8 .... B Doyle (3) –
3 (15) 04 CLUBS ARE TRUMPS 26 (P Holder) R Dickin 8-7 .... R Cochrane –
4 (1) 52 LA RESIDENCE 21 (B Pollins) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 .... N Adams 89
5 (13) 0 LEVIATHAN MYSTERY 21 (Marquis De Deleitosa) Lord Huntingdon 8-7 .... J Williams –
6 (11) 243 PHONEAHOLIC 14 (K Higson) B Meehan 8-7 .... B Rouse 93
7 (2) 54 VENUS VICTORIOUS 35 (BF) (Mrs R Hastings) J Hills 8-7 .... M Hills 85
8 (3) DOMINION KING (Mrs D Kaine) B McMahon 8-6 .... T Quinn –
9 (14) 0 EVANRO 9 (Thanet Leasing Ltd) C C Elsey 8-6 .... J Reid 71
10 (10) 042 HIGH HOLME 30 (V) (J Ashurst) D Thom 8-6 .... G Duffield 99
11 (5) 550202 MR BERGERAC 7 (P John) B Palling 8-5 .... D Holland 79
12 (6) 0 SPANISH DAWN 21 (Olympic Racing) C Egerton 8-4 .... C Rutter –
13 (9) BONNY MELODY (Mrs M Watt) J Fanshawe 8-1 .... N Varley (7) –
14 (12) MINNIE NORTH (G Greenwood) P Murphy 8-1 .... T Sprake –
15 (7) SALVEZZA (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Chapple-Hyam 8-1 .... Stephen Davies (3) –

BETTING: 7-2 High Holme, 4-1 Jayannpee, 9-2 Phoneaholic, 6-1 La Residence, Salvezza, 8-1 Venus Victorious, Mr Bergerac, 14-1 Bonny Melody, 20-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JAYANNPEE 1l 2nd of 8 to Domino Queen in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, soft). LA RESIDENCE ¾l 2nd of 17 to Mary Hinge in maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, firm), with LEVIATHAN MYSTERY 8¾l 9th and SPANISH DAWN 4¾l 11th. PHONEAHOLIC 4l 3rd of 12 to Reason To Dance in maiden here (5f 161yd, good). VENUS VICTORIOUS about 2¼l 4th of 19 to Yo-Cando in maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, good), with LA RESIDENCE ¾l 5th. HIGH HOLME 4l 2nd of 17 to Watani in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: HIGH HOLME (nap)

4.05 FARLEAZE STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,557: 5f 11yd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 1015 EVENING FALLS 44 (D,G) (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 9-2 .... J Reid 99
2 (2) 041126 INDIAHRA 18 (D,G,S) (P Lawson) R Hollinshead 8-12 .... S Parks 92
3 (4) 61 REASON TO DANCE 14 (C,G) (Mrs D Joly) D Elsworth 8-12 .... R Cochrane 91
4 (3) CROESO-I-CYMRU (Mrs R Evans) B McMahon 8-8 .... T Quinn –
5 (1) PUELLA BONA (K Knox) B Hills 8-8 .... D Holland –
6 (5) 221506 SWEET DECISION 15 (D,F) (Mrs D Callard) M Williams 8-8 .... J Williams 90

BETTING: 11-10 Reason To Dance, 4-1 Puella Bona, 5-1 Indiahra, 6-1 Evening Falls, 7-1 Sweet Decision, 15-1 Croeso-I-Cymru.
1992: SIMPLY SOOTY 9-4 G Baxter (3-1) B Millman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

EVENING FALLS beat Randonneur 7l in 6-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (5f, good) on penultimate start.
INDIAHRA 3l 2nd of 4 to Bella Parkes in conditions race at Chester (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SWEET DECISION 9l 8th of 12 to Dlacan in nursery at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). REASON TO DANCE beat Talicnal 2¼l in 12-runner maiden here (5f 161yd, good). CROESO-I-CYMRU (Foaled 25 Feb). Sister by Welsh Captain to 5f/6f winner Welsh Secret, dam 5f winner.
PUELLA BONA (Jan 3). Half-sister by Handsome Sailor to several winners including Rockover, useful 7f juvenile winner last year; dam 1m6f winner at three years.
Selection: REASON TO DANCE

4.35 WESTMORELAND HANDICAP (£4,305: 2m 1f 34yd) (18 runners)

1 (8) 526414 SPECTACULAR DAWN 28 (CD,F,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 4-10-0 .... M Hills 94
2 (7) 152256 GREEN LANE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (R Lynch) R Akehurst 5-9-11 .... J Reid 96
3 (4) 600342 BARDOLPH 16 (F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 6-9-8 .... T Quinn 95
4 (18) 602210 AUDE LA BELLE 11 (F,G) (Mrs V Rapkins) Mrs L Piggott 5-9-5 .... G Milligan (7) 95
5 (10) 111114 THE WHERE WITHAL 11 (B,F,G,S) (W Sturt) M Prescott 3-9-3 .... G Duffield 87
6 (14) 205140 KADASTROF 9 (G,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 3-9-1 .... R Cochrane 98
7 (13) 221540 CHUCKLESTONE 32J (CD,F,G) (M O'Connor) J King 10-9-1 .... S Whitworth 96
8 (9) 15300 MY ROSSINI 28 (F) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 4-8-13 .... C Hawksley (7) 98
9 (1) 022301 RIVIERE ACTOR 12 (S) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 3-8-13 .... W Carson 99
10 (16) 4316 ELBURG 18 (F) (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 3-8-12 .... L Dettori 94
11 (5) 0-57023 MATCHING GREEN 10 (S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-8-11 .... J Williams 95
12 (3) 0-06 SPANISH SAHARA 14 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11 .... D Holland –
13 (11) 0-50056 COMBELLINO 18 (The Exe Hopefuls) P Hams 3-7-13 .... C Rutter 96
14 (12) 0/083-35 SCOTONI 23J (F,G) (D Robinson) R O'Sullivan 7-7-12 .... D Biggs 93
15 (6) 143100 SO SAUCY 24 (CD,F,S) (L Ward) B Meehan 3-7-10 .... B Doyle (3) 96
16 (17) 604054 DAZZLING FIRE 12J (C,G) (Felstead Racing) C C Elsey 4-7-7 .... Kim McDonnell 97
17 (15) 261500- PREMIER PRINCESS 139J (F,S) (D Drury) G Ham 7-7-7 .... T Wilson 90
18 (2) 500000 PATROCLUS 28 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss J Newell) R Voorspuy 8-7-7 .... N Adams –

Long handicap: Dazzling Fire 7-6, Premier Princess 7-5, Patroclus 7-1.
BETTING: 6-1 Riviere Actor, 7-1 Bardolph, 8-1 Green Lane, The Where Withal, 10-1 Aude La Belle, Spectacular Dawn, Chucklestone, 12-1 Kadastrof, Matching Green, 14-1 Elburg, 16-1 others.
1992: GREEN LANE 4-9-12 J Reid (8-1) I Balding 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPECTACULAR DAWN beat Sword Master ¾l in 8-runner handicap over course and distance (2m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with CHUCKLESTONE (5lb better off) 3½l 4th. BARDOLPH 2l 2nd of 11 to Moldari in handicap at Goodwood (2m, good to soft), with ELBURG (2lb better off) 10¾l 5th.
AUDE LA BELLE beat Western Dynasty 4l in 10-runner handicap at Warwick (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with SPECTACULAR DAWN (7lb better off) 14l 4th, PATROCLUS (10lb better off) 11l 7th and MY ROSSINI (10lb better off) 2l 8th. THE WHERE WITHAL 10¾l 4th of 5 to Lake Poopo in handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good to firm). KADASTROF about 3¾l 4th of 10 to Hasten To Add in handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
RIVIERE ACTOR beat Quillion 3l in 8-runner maiden at Beverley (2m, good to soft).
Selection: KADASTROF

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FLAT LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	143	114	75	2	-85.69
K Darley	130	121	98	3	-123.26
L Dettori	124	101	101	1	-13.52
G Duffield	108	82	86	25	-83.91
T Quinn	104	101	87	33	-131.77
W Carson	98	79	94	0	-146.16

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	150	144	126	2	-54.68
J Berry	123	113	50	2	-63.40
H Cecil	85	54	54	2	+3.03
J Gosden	85	51	41	1	+47.88
J Dunlop	76	67	68	4	-31.18
Mrs M Reveley	69	61	57	1	-93.99

SATURDAYS RESULTS

Ascot

1.30 (6f) 1, Catrail (M Roberts, 10-11 fav); 2, Marina Park (8-1), 3, Zarani Sidi Anna (8-1). 9 ran. 4l, ¾l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £4.60, £1.80. DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.01.
2.05 (1m) 1, Fairy Heights (C Asmussen, 11-1); 2, Dance To The Top (8-1); 3, Kissing Cousin (7-1). Hawajiss 2-1 fav. 11 ran. 1½l, ¾l. N Callaghan. Tote: £11.30; £2.40, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £28.00. Trio: £61.60. CSF: £85.56.
2.40 (7f) 1, Young Em (W Ryan, 25-1); 2, Penny Drops (6-1); 3, Kayvee (33-1); 4, Face North (25-1). Storm Canyon 11-2 fav. 26 ran. 3l, ¾l. S Dow. Tote: £48.80; £9.00, £2.10, £6.30, £8.90. DF: £240.20. Trio: £4,455.30. CSF: £154.15. Tricast: £4,519.45.
3.25 (1m) 1, Bigstone (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 2, Barathea (9-1); 3, Kingmambo (5-2 fav). 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l. E Lellouche (Fr). Tote: £4.60; £1.80, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £24.50. Trio: £15.90. CSF: £28.70.
4.00 (1m) 1, Mister Baileys (L Dettori, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Concordial (7-2); 3, Overbury (15-2). Florid 100-30 jt-fav. 9 ran. ½l, sh hd. M Johnston. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.60. Trio: £7.60. CSF: £14.40.
4.35 (1m 4f) 1, League Leader (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Whitechapel (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Quick Ransom (13-2). Dana Springs 5-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. Hd, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £11.00; £2.60, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £24.10. Trio: £84.00. CSF: £58.01. Tricast: £322.17.
Jackpot: £88,840.80 (0.1 winning tickets. £112,615.22 carried forward to Newmarket on Wednesday). Placepot: £147.80.

Haydock Park

2.15 1, Keylock (10-1); 2, Menhaad (11-1); 3, Miroswaki (11-1); 4, Free Transfer (13-2 jt-fav). Riz Biz 13-2 jt-fav. 20 ran.
2.46 1, Threatening (9-2); 2, Ballard Ring (7-2); 3, Whatcombe (2-1 fav). 6 ran. NR: Promise Fulfilled.
3.15 1, Express Gift (12-1); 2, Cezanne (2-1 fav); 3, Yildiz (8-1). 12 ran.
3.50 1, Tajannab (5-4 fav); 2, Makhraj (6-1); 3, Frustrated Poet (9-1). 9 ran.
4.20 1, Domicksky (11-1); 2, Chow Practice (7-1); 3, Gondo (9-1); 4, Penny Hassett (11-1). Ballet Shoes 5-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Aughlad, Drum Sergeant, Sir Tasker, Sully's Choice.
4.50 1, Yaqthan (14-1); 2, Champagne Grandy (10-1); 3, Egg (8-1). Fadaki Hawaki 4-1 fav. 12 ran.
5.20 1, Xylem (4-1); 2, West Buoyant (4-6 fav); 3, Winn's Pride (12-1). 8 ran.

Redcar

2.00 1, Essayeffsee (11-2 fav); 2, Merry Mermaid (7-1); 3, Diamond Inthe Dark (16-1); 4, Mr Luciano (10-1). 17 ran.
2.30 1, Knock Knock (9-2); 2, Gilderdale (14-1); 3, Shirley Rose (4-1). Lamlun 100-30 fav. 12 ran.
3.00 1, Castle Courageous (7-2); 2, Good Hand (14-1); 3, Almamzar (13-2). Kaiser Wilhelm 3-1 fav. 8 ran.
3.35 1, Tuta (5-1); 2, Baby Loves (9-2); 3, Realize (9-4 jt-fav). Blushingbird 9-4 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Shergal.
4.15 1, Number One Spot (4-1); 2, Desert Champ (5-1); 3, Greenbank (9-1). Jasarah 2-1 fav. 15 ran.
4.45 1, Double Trigger (14-1); 2, Golden Hello (11-10 fav); 3, Opus One (6-1). 9 ran.
5.15 1, Allwight Then (4-1 fav); 2, King Rat (11-2); 3, Lucky Message (8-1); 4, Resonant (8-1). 17 ran. NR: No Mean City.

Carlisle

2.10 1, Royal Vacation (9-4 fav); 2, Green Trix (8-1); 3, Satin Lake (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Cell Kemions.
2.40 1, Kiss In The Dark (5-4 fav); 2, Granderise (3-1); 3, Tinstone (9-1). 8 ran.
3.10 1, Kushbaloo (15-8 fav); 2, Charming Gale (9-2); 3, Kilhalon Castle (4-1). 7 ran.
3.40 1, Mystic Memory (11-10 fav); 2, Sunset Reins Free (14-1); 3, Hunmanby Gap (5-1). 7 ran.
4.10 1, Wild Atlantic (5-1); 2, Northern Square (7-2); 3, Say No More (6-1). The Country Trader Evens fav. 4 ran.
4.40 1, Inferring (14-1); 2, Great Max (4-7 fav); 3, Marked Card (10-1). 11 ran.

Market Rasen

2.20 1, Bustinello (5-4 fav); 2, Bagtina (12-1); 3, Phalarope (14-1). 7 ran.
2.55 1, Strong John (8-1); 2, Safan Park (9-2); 3, Northern Rainbow (8-1). Puntan 11-10 fav. 10 ran. NR: Spiritualist.
3.30 1, Chiappucci (13-8 jt-fav); 2, Mister Blake (25-1); 3, Side Bar (9-1). Most Equal 13-8 jt-fav. 11 ran.
4.05 1, Skipping Tim (4-9 fav); 2, Slippery Max (8-1); 3, Dannbo (33-1). 4 ran.
4.40 1, Clares Own (7-4); 2, Emsee-H (11-10 fav). Only two finished. 3 ran.
5.10 1, Taylors Prince (9-2); 2, Balaat (5-2 fav); 3, Seymore (5-1). 12 ran.

Worcester

2.30 1, Grand Rapids (10-1); 2, Maltvan (50-1); 3, Pearly White (50-1). Pandy 9-4 fav. 18 ran.
3.05 1, Great Mill (7-4 fav); 2, Howaryafxd (9-1); 3, Congregation (25-1). 16 ran.
3.40 1, Staunch Rival (10-1); 2, Myhamet (9-2); 3, Newton Point (11-4 fav). 10 ran.
4.15 1, Lake Mission (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Glenshane Lad (11-4); 3, Court Rapier (6-1). Comedy Road 9-4 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Smooth Start.
4.50 1, Ballad Ruler (40-1); 2, Try Me Now (25-1); 3, Fastbit (6-4 fav). 10 ran. NR: Old Road.
5.25 1, Muskora (11-1); 2, Jovial Man (20-1); 3, Iron Baron (16-1). Top Spin 8-13 fav. 19 ran. NR: Sound Carrier.

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2.00 DAILY RECORD CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,184: 1m 3f 16yd) (14 runners)

1 560 QUARTZ HILL 53 (V) R Lamb 4-9-7 .... J Weaver 14
2 1550 IMPERIAL BID 10 (C,F,G) Denys Smith 5-9-6 .... K Fallon 1
3 5050 GOLD SURPRISE 7 (CD,S) S Kettlewell 4-9-3 .... J Fortune 13
4 2312 NUTTY BROWN 21 (V,G) S Norton 3-8-13 .... O Pears (3) 3
5 1230 TRY N' FLY 16J (F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-13 .... K Darley 4
6 3222 SEAMA 7 (G) M Prescott 3-8-12 .... M Birch 12
7 2000 RAGGERTY 7 (S) G Moore 3-8-11 .... J Lowe 5
8 4064 INOVAR 12 C Booth 3-8-6 .... A Culhane 9
9 330 EURYTHMIC 21 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-5 .... Dale Gibson 7
10 2021 GWEEK 13 (D,G) M Tompkins 3-8-4 .... P Robinson 10
11 0/0 TOLL BOOTH 49 W Storey 4-8-2 .... J Quinn 8
12 30-0 ANNE'S BAY 10 D Moffatt 3-7-13 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 10
13 0 HIGHLAND PRINCESS 135 B Beasley 3-7-9 .... L Charnock 2
14 0445 JENDORCET 9 T Fairhurst 3-7-9 .... N Kennedy (3) 6

5-2 Gweek, 4-1 Imperial Bid, 11-2 Seama, Eurythmic, 8-1 Try N'Fly, 10-1 Jendorcet, 12-1 Nutty Brown, 14-1 Gold Surprise, 20-1 others.

2.30 EBF BOTHWELL BRIDGE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,348: 1m 65yd) (4)

1 0503 BURES 12 (V) M Tompkins 9-0 .... P Robinson 3
2 60 MANOLETE 28 C W C Elsey 9-0 .... N Kennedy (3) 4
3 2 AMNESIA 16 M Prescott 8-9 .... M Birch 2
4 04 DEER IN THE GLEN 21 P Haslam 8-9 .... J Weaver 1

11-8 Bures, 13-8 Amnesia, 4-1 Deer In The Glen, 6-1 Manolete.

3.00 LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER PREMIER CUVEE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,523: 1m 65yd) (16)

1 2412 MAKE A NOTE 21 (F) R Hannon 9-7 .... K Darley 4
2 0400 SECOND SIGHT 18 (F) M Prescott 9-5 .... M Birch 6
3 001 HIGHFIELD LAD 68 (F) T Fairhurst 9-2 .... O Pears (3) 2
4 2204 NIGHT SNOW 14 (B) M Bell 8-10 .... M Fenton (3) 12
5 6234 STARSPORT 10 J Berry 8-9 .... J Fortune 9
6 6304 CRISTAL SPRINGS 7 A Harrison 8-6 .... J Lowe 13
7 3002 MONSIEUR BLEU 20 Miss L Perratt 8-3 .... J Marshall (5) 7
8 005 BELLROI 97 (V) M Tompkins 8-3 .... P Robinson 3
9 5054 DOUBLE SIXTEEN 7 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 .... K Fallon 8
10 0404 OLYMPIC BID 12 J Berry 8-2 .... R Hills 11
11 5440 WOODLAND WHISPER 9 (B) P Haslam 8-1 .... J Weaver 15
12 500 BANG IN TROUBLE 51 J J O'Neill 8-0 .... Dale Gibson 1
13 0062 GLENLYON DUCHESS 7 Miss L Perratt 7-13 .... D Wright (5) 14
14 0534 WINGS AHEAD 7 T Fairhurst 7-12 .... N Kennedy (3) 5
15 0000 BOJOLLY 7 (B) J Etherington 7-11 .... L Charnock 16
16 0000 PLUM DENNIS 18 N Bycroft 7-9 .... J Quinn 10

4-1 Make A Note, 11-2 Double Sixteen, 6-1 Wings Ahead, 7-1 Glenlyon Princess, 8-1 Monsieur Bleu, Night Snow, 10-1 Cristal Springs, Second Sight, 12-1 others.

3.30 TENNENT'S LAGER CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,984: 6f 5yd) (8)

1 0535 TAUFAN BLU 11 (B,D,F,G,S) B Beasley 4-9-7 .... O Pears (3) 1
2 24-0 ISAIAH 26 (D,F,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-6 .... J Quinn 2
3 1303 SAINT EXPRESS 20 (D,F,G) R Whitaker 3-9-5 .... A Culhane 5
4 3425 NIGHT MELODY 19 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 3-9-4 .... K Darley 7
5 0300 DOUBLE BLUE 13 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-2 .... J Weaver 3
6 0605 LORD OLIVIER 12 (D,F) W Jarvis 3-9-1 .... M Tebbutt 4
7 2030 PETITE-D-ARGENT 9 (D,F,S) J Berry 4-9-0 .... J Fortune 8
8 3404 YAKIN 12 (G) H Thomson Jones 3-8-6 .... R Hills 6

7-2 Night Melody, 9-2 Yakin, 11-2 Saint Express, 6-1 Lord Olivier, 7-1 others.

4.00 TENNENTS 80/- APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£3,054: 6f 5yd) (9)

1 1200 DIET 9 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-10-0 .... A Eddery (5) 2
2 6222 MISS WHITTINGHAM 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-10 .... Ruth Coulter (3) 5
3 0330 LANGUEDOC 28 (D,G,S) M Wane 6-9-2 .... D Thomas 3
4 2220 MU-ARRIK 31 (D,F) B Beasley 5-9-2 .... J Gracey (5) 9
5 0000 PAGEBOY 30 (C,D,F) P Haslam 4-9-1 .... C Adamson (3) 4
6 3020 KHALLOOF 7 (G) Denys Smith 4-8-7 .... C Teague (3) 6
7 5006 CRAIGIE BOY 3 (B,CD,G) N Bycroft 3-8-4 .... S Copp 1
8 0460 KEEP BATTLING 32 A Harrison 3-8-2 .... I Grantham (8) 7
9 -660 WAWEEWAWOO 28J D Moffatt 5-7-7 .... D Denby (5) 8

4-1 Miss Whittingham, 5-1 Languedoc, 6-1 Pageboy, Mu-Arrik, Keep Battling, 7-1 Diet, 8-1 Craigie Boy, 10-1 Khalloof, 25-1 Waweewawoo.

4.30 CAPTAIN J C STEWART MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£5,127: 1m 4f 17yd) (16)

1 33-4 BRODESSA 35 (F) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-10 .... K Darley 8
2 2253 PHARLY DANCER 10 (D,G) W Haigh 4-9-2 .... S Webster 11
3 0540 PHILGUN 9 (V,C,F,S) C W C Elsey 4-9-0 .... N Kennedy (3) 7
4 5202 WESTFIELD MOVES 12 (D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-13 .... J Quinn 5
5 3504 DEB'S BALL 45 (D,F,G,S) D Moffatt 7-8-8 .... M Birch 12
6 00/4 CORNET 143 (V,S) Denys Smith 7-8-7 .... K Fallon 4
7 0313 REACH FOR GLORY 33 (BF,F,G) R Whitaker 4-8-6 .... A Culhane 15
8 5365 THE PREMIER EXPRES 9 (C,S) W Bentley 3-8-6 .... R Lappin 1
9 4030 MURID 42 R Lamb 4-8-5 .... J Weaver 9
10 1152 CLIBURNEL NEWS 7 (F,G) M Tompkins 3-8-3 .... P Robinson 3
11 2601 MYSTERIOUS MAID 40 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 6-8-3 .... G Bardwell 2
12 3236 APACHE SQUAW 65 (BF) C Thornton 3-8-2 .... D Wright (5) 13
13 4606 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 9 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-7-13 .... J Lowe 10
14 2054 MILNGAVIE 7 (C,D,F,S) M Johnston 3-7-11 .... Dale Gibson 6
15 0240 GREAT ORATION 42 (V) F Watson 4-7-7 .... L Charnock 16
16 3003 MOONSHINE DANCER 7 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-7 .... Darren Moffatt (5) 14

7-2 Deb's Ball, 11-2 Westfield Moves, 6-1 Milngavie, Pharly Dancer, Mysterious Maid, 7-1 Cliburnel News, 10-1 Reach For Glory, 12-1 Brodessa, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 12 winners from 31 runners, 38.7%; R Hannon, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 25 from 100, 25.0%; J Etherington, 6 from 27, 22.2%; Mrs J Ramsden, 13 from 60, 21.7%; M Tompkins, 12 from 59, 20.3%.

JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 6 winners from 17 rides, 35.3%; M Tebbutt, 5 from 17, 29.4%; J Weaver, 9 from 43, 20.9%; K Darley, 47 from 267, 17.6%; R Hills, 3 from 19, 15.8%; Darren Moffatt, 5 from 41, 12.2%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 1.35 Whatever's Right, Spring Saint, Wessex Milord. 2.05 Bashayer. 2.35 L'Aventure. 4.35 The Where Withal. Hamilton Park: 2.00 Quartz Hill. 3.00 Night Snow, Bellroi, Woodland Whisper, Bojolly. 3.30 Double Blue. 4.30 Great Oration. Southwell: 4.45 Jareer's Way. 5.15 Malaris. 5.45 Angelic Dancer.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
2.20 Pie Hatch. 2.50 Betty Hayes. 3.20 Ruling Dynasty. 3.50 St Athans Lad. 4.20 Lunabelle. 4.50 Satin Dancer.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM PATCHES)

2.20 HIGHLAND PARK SELLING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,719: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

1 1341 CYRILL HENRY 9 (F,G) P Whitworth 11-10 .... A Mannigan
2 1-03 CORINTHIAN GOD 28 (CD,F) D Wilson 11-5 .... R Dunwoody
3 40-2 BETALONGABILL 26 M Madgwick 11-0 .... A Maguire
4 P-6 CANBRACK 52 J Long 11-0 .... Leesa Long
5 PP- FORTUNE STAR 10F J Bridger 11-0 .... D O'Sullivan (3)
6 1P5- KALAMOSS 10F (F) N Mitchell 11-0 .... Miss S Mitchell (7)
7 003- LER CRU 33F J Ffitch-Heyes 11-0 .... M A Fitzgerald
8 P TADORA 23 C Benstead 11-0 .... D Morris
9 565- DANCING DANCER 221 R Frost 10-9 .... J Frost
10 PIE HATCH 32F B McMath 10-9 .... D Murphy

6-4 Pie Hatch, 9-2 Cyrill Henry, Corinthian God, 8-1 Ler Cru, Tadora, 10-1 others.

2.50 HIGHLAND PARK HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,684: 3m 2f 110yd) (7)

1 646- YIRAGAN 152 (G,S) D Barons 11-12-0 .... R Davis (5)
2 U1-34 DOONLOUGHAN 18 (CD,F,G) G Balding 8-11-12 .... J Frost
3 P/13- BETTY HAYES 131 (D,F,S) R Alner 9-11-3 .... S Earle
4 21P- SAM SHORROCK 139 (D,G,S) G Thorner 11-11-2 .... D Bridgwater
5 50-3 GLEBE PRINCE 10 (CD,F) R Rowe 13-10-4 .... C Burnett-Wells (5)
6 -433 MILLIE BELLE 14 (V,F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-2 .... A Maguire
7 P-53 CAIRNEYMOUNT 14 C Weedon 7-10-2 .... Peter Hobbs

5-2 Doonloughan, 3-1 Sam Shorrock, 4-1 Betty Hayes, 9-2 Yiragan, 8-1 others.

3.20 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,145: 2m 2f) (10)

1 410- FOTOEXPRESS 159 (G,S) R Rowe 5-11-10 .... L Dace (7)
2 4/121 RULING DYNASTY 18 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 9-11-6 .... H Davies
3 200- MY SENOR 12F (CD,S) M Madgwick 4-11-3 .... A Maguire
4 FP-36 LUSTY LAD 10 (CD,BF,F,G) M Haynes 8-11-2 .... G McCourt
5 2223- PADIORD 378 (F,G) Miss L Bower 6-10-7 .... R Davis (5)
6 310- PONTOON BRIDGE 159 (F,S) G Harwood 6-10-3 .... M Perrett
7 31/ HALLOW FAIR 38F (F) C Horgan 8-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald
8 045- SING THE BLUES 203 (D,G) C Benstead 9-10-0 .... D Morris
9 2244 CARPET CAPERS 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-10-0 .... J R Kavanagh
10 /F/ COLORTAG 578 J Panvert 7-10-0 .... J Akehurst

3-1 Ruling Dynasty, 4-1 Fotoexpress, 9-2 Lusty Lad, 6-1 Pontoon Bridge, 8-1 My Senor, Hallow Fair, 12-1 Padiord, 14-1 others.

3.50 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,562: 2m 2f) (5)

1 11-1 ST ATHANS LAD 47 (B,CD,F,G) R Curtis 8-12-0 .... D Morris
2 613- KISU KALI 188 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-2 .... J R Kavanagh
3 0-23 GLASS MOUNTAIN 37 (B,BF,F,G) J White 11-10-0 .... A Maguire
4 P315 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 16 (CD,F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 .... R Dunwoody
5 P-22 GABISH 27 (F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-0 .... M A Fitzgerald

5-4 St Athans Lad, 4-1 Kisu Kali, 5-1 Glass Mountain, 6-1 They All Forget Me, 8-1 Gabish.

4.20 BUNNAHABHAIN NOVICES CHASE
(£1,974: 2m 2f) (5)

1 0P-13 PARBOLD HILL 18 (BF,F,G) K Burke 5-11-4 .... M A Fitzgerald
2 P/U-P EASTERN EVENING 14 J Poulton 8-11-0 .... R Rowell
3 0-53 MIDDAY SHOW 10 (G) J Jenkins 6-11-0 .... S Smith Eccles
4 60/2- SQUEEZE PLAY 374 (B) D Grissell 8-11-0 .... Peter Hobbs
5 315- LUNABELLE 252 (G) I Balding 5-10-7 .... J Frost

6-4 Parbold Hill, 7-4 Lunabelle, 4-1 Midday Show, 6-1 Squeeze Play, 25-1 Eastern Evening

4.50 TAMDHU JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,763: 2m 2f) (11)

1 6 CHIPPENDALE LADD 14 (B,BF) C Egerton 10-12 .... J Osborne
2 2 CONVOY 28 (B) C Mann 10-12 .... R Dunwoody
3 DARSING 25F G Pritchard-Gordon 10-12 .... S Smith Eccles
4 IVORY HUTCH 14F R O'Sullivan 10-12 .... D O'Sullivan (3)
5 JUST JAMIE 23F Miss B Sanders 10-12 .... M Richards
6 SATIN DANCER 28F G Harwood 10-12 .... M Perrett
7 5 TAAHHUB 14 J Joseph 10-12 .... D Skyrme
8 4 WONDERFUL YEARS 14 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-12 .... A Maguire
9 5 IMAGERY 44 R Baker 10-7 .... L Harvey
10 P MY SET PEACE 33 M Muggeridge 10-7 .... G Bradley
11 53 SWIFT REVENGE 26 T Casey 10-7 .... Lorna Vincent

5-4 Satin Dancer, 9-2 Just Jamie, 6-1 Convoy, 7-1 Chippendale Lad, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 9 winners from 20 runners, 45%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 5 from 12, 41.7%; Miss B Sanders, 9 from 33, 27.3%; M Usher, 4 from 15, 26.7%; J White, 12 from 47, 25.5%; R Curtis, 15 from 61, 24.6%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 11 winners from 34 rides, 32.4%; J Frost, 18 from 64, 28.1%; G McCourt, 7 from 26, 26.9%; D Morris, 18 from 69, 26.1%; Lorna Vincent, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Osborne, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

☐ Dawning Street is as low as 10-1 for the William Hill Cambridgeshire on Saturday. He will be ridden by Lester Piggott.

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Ill health threatens Souness's career as worries pile up


Souness: under pressure

Keith Pike sees Liverpool beaten again as their ailing manager reveals clouds are gathering over his hold on power at Anfield

HAVING survived one battle against those who wanted him removed from the manager's office at Liverpool four months ago, Graeme Souness now faces another and, this time, even his renowned stubbornness and self-belief may not save him.

Long after those who had delighted in Liverpool's fourth successive league defeat had left Stamford Bridge on Saturday, Souness said that his job — "the only one I want" — was again under threat, not because of the poor sequence of results culminating in the 1-0 reverse at Chelsea, but because of his own ill health.

Souness, 40, said he has been told it would be "inadvisable" to continue in management when his five-year contract expires in April 1996. "I want to carry on for another 20 years, but you have to be realistic," he said. Peter Robinson, the Liverpool chief executive, said yesterday that he was unaware of Souness's views.

It was in April last year that Souness, 12 months after succeeding Kenny Dalglish, underwent triple heart-bypass surgery, but for the sake of an exclusive story in a tabloid newspaper reviled on Merseyside because of its coverage of the Hillsborough disaster. Souness forfeited sympathy and attracted only scorn.

He is likely now only to be subjected to more of the same from the Anfield supporters who gorged themselves on 30 years of almost unbroken success but who, an FA Cup final victory over Sunderland in 1992 notwithstanding, have since survived on starvation rations.

The first team Souness fielded had an average age of 27½ and was second in the table. After two years in which transition and turmoil were barely distinguishable, Liverpool are thirteenth in the FA Carling Premiership and the team which lost against Chelsea was, on average, two years younger — hardly a reasonable return for a manager who has spent the best part of £20 million and recouped less than half of that. While the likes of Beardsley, Staunton, Saunders and Houghton continue to prosper elsewhere and while James, Piechnik, Bjornebye and others gather dust in the reserves, his mistakes in the transfer market will haunt him.

The match on Saturday, on the ground where Liverpool clinched the double seven years ago, was not one to ease Souness's worries. Liverpool were the better side for most of the afternoon and created enough chances to have won convincingly, but Souness — a restless, agitated figure in the dugout — could only watch as four crucial refereeing decisions in an undistinguished game went against his team.

The most crucial of all came four minutes into the second half. Wise stole in behind Dicks on the right, crossed and Shipperley sent in a fierce drive that Grobbelaar could only fist upwards. As the ball dropped behind him Grobbelaar twisted backwards to scoop it away, but not before the officials had judged that it crossed the line.

That Wise should not by then have been on the field is unarguable and that only four minutes had gone when the Chelsea captain felled Clough with an horrific tackle no excuse for Keith Hackett's leniency. Hackett had as clear a view as anybody as Wise launched himself, two-footed and studs showing, at Clough's shins with the ball some yards away. The yellow card brandished by the referee was an absurd mockery of the laws of the game.

Liverpool's own indiscipline surfaced briefly, Redknapp being cautioned for a foul on Hoddle and Stewart and Ruddock following him for acts of verbal petulance. Their sense of grievance was not helped later, either, when two reasonable claims for penalties were ignored, Hoddle appearing to trip Redknapp as he bore down on Kharine and the Chelsea player-manager escaping again in the last minute, when Clough was nudged as he shot, the ball flashing a yard wide. Souness's luck, like the legacy he may eventually leave Anfield, is hardly overflowing.

CHELSEA (3-4-1-2): D Kharine — F Sinclair, G Hoddle, J Kjeldberg — S Clarke, E Newton, M Donaghy (sub: G Hall, 58min), A Dow — D Wise — A Cascarino, N Shipperley.
LIVERPOOL (4-1-2-1-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock, J Dicks — P Stewart — J Redknapp, D Hutchison (sub: S McManaman 65min) — N Clough — I Rush, R Fowler.
Referee: K Hackett.

Coventry make it easy for Leeds to impress

Russell Kempson finds Howard Wilkinson in sober mood despite his team's recent good run

HOWARD Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, carried the air of a funeral director. Sartorial elegance failed to disguise a solemn mood, hang-dog expression and world-weary demeanour. No matter Leeds had won 2-0 at Highfield Road, with a display of poise and polish, to move into fourth place in the FA Carling Premiership. This is a serious business.

Bobby Gould, the Coventry City manager, bounced in bullish and beaming, exchanging banter with friends and foes alike. No matter Coventry had surrendered the last unbeaten Premiership record, with a largely clueless display. It's only a game.

Contrasting reactions on Saturday, neither entirely warranted, after contrasting performances. Wilkinson could have waxed lyrical about the re-emergence of Leeds after 16 months' hard labour since their championship success of 1991-2. A second successive away victory, after their 24-match barren spell had been broken at Southampton a fortnight earlier, deserved accolades.

Instead, he chose reason and perspective. "No, we haven't yet cracked it," he said, in response to the suggestion that their travel sickness had been cured. "We've just won a couple of games in a row and had a few other good results as well. We needed to show the Southampton game wasn't a one-off and did so."

Gould could have ranted at his side, depleted because of injuries and showing it. Little thrust, spark or imagination. Their best start to a season for more than 50 years in tatters.

Instead, ever unconventional, he chose to philosophise. "All good things come to an end," he said. "The better team won. They were more manful than us and we just have to accept it. Leeds were back to their direct best. They hit you with so much pace."

Wilkinson has reshaped his personnel since they followed first place in the league with a miserable seventeenth last season. Strachan, though the legs are slowing, still dictates, with McAllister and Speed adding strength and direction, while Kelly and Dorigo, the full backs, defend solidly and press forward with vision.

Shades of Leeds '91-2. Seek out the space, run into it and the ball will arrive. Delightful triangular passing moves; one touch, maybe two, and the ball moves on.

Dorigo supplied the cross for Rod Wallace's opening goal, a near-post header as Booty stood back to admire, and Deane delivered another for Wallace's second, crashed in from close range after Speed's clever dummy.

Coventry could not even catch the shadows, making a mockery of their nine-match undefeated sequence. "No excuses," Gould said. "The road to ruin is paved with excuses." Er, quite.

COVENTRY CITY (3-4-3): S Ogrizovic — P Atherton, D Rennie, P Babb — M Booty (sub: J Williams, 45min), W Boland, D Kruszynski, S Morgan (sub: A Sheridan, 66) — J Gayle, M Quinn, R Wegerle.
LEEDS UNITED (5-3-2): M Beeney — G Kelly, D Wetherall, C Fairclough, J Newsome, A Dorigo — G Strachan, G McAllister, G Speed — Rod Wallace, S Deane.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

Dozzell returns to draw wrath of home crowd

Ipswich Town.....2
Tottenham Hotspur.....2

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ON SUNDAYS such as this, when emotions swirl with the wind and the rain, English football writes its own small masterpieces of sport mirroring life.

Jason Dozzell, born and bred within a mile of Ipswich's Portman Road stadium and sold this summer to Tottenham Hotspur for £1.75 million, returned to be booed at every touch, yet to score the saving goal for Tottenham in the final minutes of a game which the London club had dominated, but, after losing their other expensive summer signing, Colin Calderwood, sent off, had struggled to hold.

The fluctuations were not in sight during a first half in which Samways masterminded Tottenham's supremacy. Their ability to pass and move was so effective that at half-time Mick McGiven had ordered his Ipswich players to stop chasing shadows, and, when they did that, when Calderwood had gone after 65 minutes, the final half-hour was a siege around the Tottenham goalmouth.

Yet when Sheringham, inevitably, put Tottenham in front after 27 minutes, the costlier of these two passing sides confirmed the ability gap. We had seen in the opening minute that Anderton knew exactly how to find Sheringham from the flanks. In that first instance, though Sheringham achieved a powerful headed strike on the ball, Ipswich's Canadian goalkeeper, Forrest, tipped the ball spectacularly over his bar.

But neither Forrest nor his defence could block out Anderton and Sheringham. Anderton himself had won a corner on the right and when Anderton's graceful, sweeping centre with the left foot was anticipated by Sheringham, the result was the supreme glancing header that nobody could hold.

Tottenham had perhaps surprised Ipswich by varying their midfield diamond. Dozzell, instead of playing behind the front two, was withdrawn to the right of midfield and Durie was alternating with Anderton. But defence has been Tottenham's worry, with two teenagers filling in for aged full backs. At half-time, they had a reshuffle, taking off the young Irishman, Steve Carr.

Just before the hour, Ipswich struck. Stockwell crossed from the right, the ball brushed Mabbutt and Milton, sliding in at the far post, claimed his second goal in consecutive games. Moments later, a surge of that smooth, turbo pace from Kiwomya left Campbell trailing, but Mason was inept to say the least in side-footing wide from seven yards.

Now the match turned. After 65 minutes, Calderwood, already booked for a crashing tackle into the heels of Marshall early in the first half, was beaten by the same player, groped and grappled as Marshall passed him and could scarcely argue as referee Ashby lifted first the yellow, then the red card.

The paucity of defenders at Tottenham's disposal was never more evident than when Durie, of all people, was entrusted with the role of centre back and it was Durie who suffered in the eightieth minute. He was not to blame in isolation, for the entire Tottenham rearguard stood as flat as a Suffolk landscape when Milton prodded the ball through the centre. Marshall easily evaded Durie, turned, and, one against one with Thorstvedt, calmly delivered his fifth goal in five League matches.

We thought then that Milton was to be the author of Tottenham's downfall, but as he said himself afterwards, he and his entire team became disappointed with themselves. There were three minutes left when Sheringham rose once again to head the ball down into the Ipswich goalmouth. No danger, Linighan should have cleared it, but the big defender stumbled over the ball, pushed it in error behind his goalkeeper and Dozzell, to yet another chorus of boos, had the opportunism and the ability to skip around Forrest to put the equaliser into an empty net.

Dozzell, having made his debut at the age of 16 for Ipswich and having scored 50 goals in 402 games for them, deserved a warmer greeting on his homecoming, but he had no complaints: "I expected the reception," he said, "but Tottenham have been known as a soft touch. Today, we showed that we are a team of excellent character."

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — M Stockwell, D Linighan, J Wark, N Thompson — P Mason, S Milton, G Williams, S Whitton — C Kiwomya, I Marshall
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-2-1-2): E Thorstvedt — S Carr (D Caskey 46min), G Mabbutt, C Calderwood, S Campbell — V Samways — J Dozzell, S Sedgley — G Durie — D Anderton, E Sheringham.
Referee: G Ashby.

JOHN VARLEY


Cole, scorer of both goals, tries to avoid a wild challenge from Potts in Newcastle's 2-0 victory over West Ham

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	9	22	+13	WWLWW
2	Arsenal	9	19	+6	WDWLW
3	Aston Villa	9	16	+5	WWDWD
4	Leeds	9	16	0	LWWWW
5	Norwich	9	15	+7	DDLDW
6	Tottenham	9	15	+6	LDDWD
7	Wimbledon	8	15	+4	LDWWW
8	Blackburn	9	15	+2	DDWLD
9	Everton	9	15	0	LLWWL
10	Coventry	9	14	+3	DWDWL
11	Newcastle	9	13	+3	DDWDW
12	Chelsea	9	13	+2	DDWDW
13	Liverpool	9	12	+5	WLLLL
14	Ipswich	9	12	-1	DDLLD
15	Manchester City	9	11	+1	DWWLW
16	QPR	8	10	-4	LWWLD
17	Sheffield Utd	9	8	-5	DLDLL
18	West Ham	9	8	-8	LLDWL
19	Sheffield Wed	9	7	-5	DDLWD
20	Oldham	9	6	-10	DLLLD
21	Southampton	9	3	-8	LLLLL
22	Swindon	9	3	-16	DLDDL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Travel tedium turns into torture



Lee Chapman, the West Ham striker, provides an insider's view of life after an away defeat

DEFEAT is always difficult for any professional, but most footballers dread a fruitless away performance more than anything. Most coach journeys to away venues are tedious, but if the return follows a bad result, the experience becomes an ordeal.

I felt for my West Ham United colleagues on Saturday following our 2-0 defeat at Newcastle United, where we also had Jeroen Boere, our new Dutch signing, sent off. I had been spared the trek south because my recent change of clubs had not allowed me time to sell my home in north Yorkshire, to where I returned on Saturday.

The five-hour journey to Newcastle was the longest we have scheduled for the season. It demanded extra powers of ingenuity to stave off the boredom that can easily ensue. Most team coaches, including ours, contain card schools. They tend to play for small amounts of money to make things interesting, but I have known certain schools to play for serious stakes, with players gambling up to a week's wages or more. A player can be in the position of having lost at cards and playing the ensuing match just to pay off his debts — a distraction to team and player.

Most coaches have television and video and the players read newspapers and books, but, on Saturday, it was radio that came to the rescue. Tony Gale, an avid golf fan, tuned into coverage of the Ryder Cup and this made the journey bearable.

We knew our game against Kevin Keegan's revitalised Newcastle would be difficult. Not only did we face a competent set of players, but we had to combat probably the most vociferous and partisan crowd in English football.

We had talked about the influence of the home support and how we had to keep the crowd quiet. A goalless first half subdued them, but, when Andy Cole scored the first of two well-taken goals, the stadium erupted. Cole looks an excellent prospect and he is upholding Newcastle's tradition of centre forwards.

It could be argued that Newcastle were the superior team, but if a first-half goal had not been disallowed for offside against me and I had converted a good chance at 1-0, we could have had something to show for our effort.

It pleases me to see Keegan accomplishing so much at St James' Park. As a player, I admired him for his ability to make the most of his talent. I played against him on numerous occasions and I remember how proud I was to be the leading first division goalscorer with him for one season in the early Eighties.

I felt unwanted after the defeat on Saturday. My first two games for West Ham had culminated in victories and three goals for myself. I had been in huge demand for interviews, but, strangely, not at St James' Park! At least I was spared banal questions like "Did you enjoy scoring the goal?" as after our win at Blackburn Rovers. No wonder footballers are accused of giving poor responses if this is the standard of questions.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): M Hooper — S Watson, B Venison, K Scott, J Beresford — R Lee, L Clark, P Bracewell, M Allen — P Beardsley, A Cole
WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — K Brown (sub: M Allen, 65min), A Gale, S Potts, D Burrows — D Gordon, M Marsh, I Bishop, M Holmes — T Morley (sub: J Boere, 65), L Chapman.
Referee: M Reed.

Highbury presents indigestible fare

Michael Henderson sees Arsenal struggle to impose themselves against lowly opposition

AFTER he had composed his *Bolero*, Maurice Ravel thought he had written a masterpiece. "Unfortunately," he said, "there is no music in it."

People may reflect on George Graham's more temporal achievements at Highbury and admit he has established a successful side. Sadly, there is no football in it.

This execrable match against Southampton — just one month into the season, heaven help us — went Arsenal's way on account of Paul Merson's airborne volley just before half-time. Well done Merson, who is, at least, a proper footballer, albeit one not always treated as such by the Highbury apparatchiks.

There was little else that suggested an "Arsenal experience" will be any more digestible this season. One wonders: if Arsenal, holders of both cups and second in the FA Carling Premiership, cannot show some measure of quality in a home match against a team as poor as Southampton, will they ever?

The physical attributes of young men, who are highly paid to exercise their bodies for 18 hours or so each week, one can take for granted.

There was plenty of commitment here, all right, but to no clear purpose. Were a young person to be introduced to football through such a game, he or she might well imagine Saturdays could be put to less tedious use.

Surely, it is not unreasonable to expect that effort is levened by an application of skill slightly above the basic?

Nobody, other than Merson, appeared comfortable with the ball. There was not a pass which revealed delicacy or the capacity to surprise.

In one of those inane, ghosted first-person columns for the match programme, Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, surmised that the team's defeat at Old Trafford the previous Sunday was one "most of the nation" wanted. Yet Adams continued, such criticism was ... water off a duck's back? Absolutely. Would it make them "even more determined" to prove the critics wrong? You bet.

Perhaps Adams should think more deeply about Arsenal's enduring unpopularity among the disinterested majority and why United's championship was so widely acclaimed. He doesn't have to go to Manchester to find the answer. All around him, at Tottenham, Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers, there are teams trying hard to *please*, a verb which does not figure prominently in Arsenal's vocabulary.

So lamentable was the passing, and so haphazard the nature of most exchanges, the first half went by in a blur of misplaced activity until Merson responded sharply to Campbell's cross from the right. Until then, the only decent effort had belonged to McGoldrick, who, for a moderate player, is a trifle expensive at £1 million.

Afterwards, Wright, who had traded fouls with Monkou throughout the afternoon, and Campbell missed the sort of chances they would have devoured on better days.

Southampton were as awful as their turquoise kit. Paul Allen strove manfully on his debut, although how Ian Branfoot can leave out Le Tissier when the lack of talent in his side is so conspicuous is one of life's minor mysteries.

The manager made defiant noises, as men under pressure are prone to, but there is little doubt, on this evidence, that they will spend a disturbing winter.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — M Keown, A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn — P Davis (sub: D Hillier), J Jensen, P Merson, E McGoldrick — *K Campbell, I Wright.*
SOUTHAMPTON (5-3-2): T Flowers — J Kenna, R Moore, F Wood (sub: F Benali), M Adams, K Monkou — G Cockerill, N Maddison, P Allen — I Dowie (sub: N Banger), P Moody
Referee: K Morton

Shearer recaptures cutting edge

Peter Ball reports on the contrasting fortunes of two Blackburn players in front of goal

BLACKBURN Rovers dropped another two home points on Saturday, but there was ample compensation for even the most critical supporter in the sight of Alan Shearer rapidly returning to his best. In only his second full match, Shearer was the most vibrant player on view as Sheffield Wednesday earned a 1-1 draw in a match that never equalled the sum of its parts.

Before the game, Shearer said he felt he was only "seven or eight out of ten" for match fitness: at the end, he was more positive, suggesting he was only a couple of games away from being at his sharpest.

Wednesday will be relieved that they do not have to meet him then, because he gave them most of their problems on Saturday as he shrugged defenders aside before embarking on those powerful runs. Whether setting up chances for others or striking himself, he is the most potent forward in the country and his sure strike rescued a point for Blackburn nine minutes from time. While Shearer was demonstrating his sure finishing, Paul Warhurst was having one of those days, doing everything but score against his old club. His conversion to a striker was the coup of last season. Forced by injuries to revert to a defensive role in the FA Cup final, he insisted that he wanted to be considered a forward, which was where he began this season.

Now, at Blackburn, he is playing in central midfield. With two superb strikes from 25 to 30 yards hitting the woodwork — a fierce low drive beating Woods to his right only to come out off the post and a half-volley dipping over Woods to hit the bar — and a contender for miss of the season in between, he is still getting enough chances.

Whether the role is right for an instinctive rather than cerebral player is questionable, but it is difficult to see any alternative. At Blackburn, he is evidently behind Newell and Gallacher for the position as Shearer's partner.

Having sold Warhurst and with Hirst injured, Wednesday were left short of firepower, as Francis admitted after watching Shearer's performance. "I've always thought Alan Shearer is an outstanding forward," he said. "He is a quality player and he scored the all-important goal today. I was envious watching him play like that, because I've got a forward in David Hirst who is as good and isn't playing.

"But I've got to be patient because we want him back permanently — we don't want to rush him back and then lose him again."

Hirst might well have finished one or two of the early chances which fell to Bright, but Wednesday had greater reason to be satisfied with one point from a game which never quite caught fire.

Sheridan and Hyde gave them quality in midfield, which Blackburn lacked, and Sinton buzzed effectively, but Bart-Williams is not a natural front-player and Waddle had one of those days when he was a peripheral figure for long periods. When he did briefly rouse himself, he played a part in Wednesday's best spell of the match after half-time.

He was instrumental in their goal, sending Sinton racing through the middle with a perfect pass at the culmination of their best move. Hendry saved the situation with a splendid last-ditch tackle, but, from the resulting corner, Pearce headed back Waddle's deep cross and Hyde poked it into the only unguarded part of the goal.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: R Mimms — D May, C Hendry, N Marker, G Le Saux — S Ripley (sub: M Newell, 74 min), P Warhurst, T Sherwood, J Wilcox (sub: H Berg 68) — K Gallacher, A Shearer.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods — R Nilsson, A Pearce, D Walker, P King — C Waddle, J Sheridan, G Hyde (sub: R Jones, 89), A Sinton — C Bart-Williams (sub: N Worthington, 85), M Bright.
Referee: V Callow (Solihull).

Familiarity breeds stalemate

Charlton Athletic 0
Crystal Palace 0

By Keith Pike

CRYSTAL Palace flew away to a four-day training camp in Portugal last night, once again riding high at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Yesterday's match at The Valley, unlike Palace, never took off.

Goalless and guileless, a game which had promised much completely failed to deliver. There were as many bookings — three — as there were recogniseable attempts on goal and not one forced either Salmon or Martyn, the respective goalkeepers, into so much as a save. It was almost indescribably mundane.

Both sides had their excuses and both made them. Charlton, featuring in their third successive 0-0 league draw, were deprived of the services of Leaburn, their huge target man, when he failed a fitness test on a groin strain.

Likewise, Palace were without Armstrong, the scorer of seven goals this season, who was serving the second game of a three-match suspension. Neither of those absences, nor a pitch made slippery by a pre-match shower, could reasonably explain such a feeble showing.

Perhaps the real answer lay in familiarity. This was their third meeting in under three weeks, Charlton having beaten Palace 4-1 in an Anglo-Italian Cup tie on the same ground and Palace having won the first leg of a Coca-Cola Cup match 3-1 at Selhurst Park on Tuesday. By the time the second leg is played next week, they will be heartily sick of each other.

"It was probably a fair result," Steve Gritt, the Charlton co-manager, said. "Neither side created that much and both sets of defenders did their job. Leaburn could have made the difference, but I am not unduly worried by our lack of goals. We are fourth in the table, so there will be at least 18 other teams more worried than us."

Palace, in particular, were disappointing. They have made great strides under Alan Smith since relegation last season, and the subsequent resignation of Steve Coppell, but the fluency which had brought them five successive league victories deserted them here.

"I genuinely do not look at league tables, but I know that if we play many more games like that one, we will not be top much longer," Smith said.

Palace might not be top now — the point won yesterday took them above Tranmere Rovers by virtue of their superior goal count — had Coleman been a few inches more wayward with a twelfth-minute defensive header. When Nelson crossed from the left, the Welsh international seemed unsettled by Grant and sent the ball curling a whisker wide of his own goal.

That moment was symptomatic of a match in which the ball spent an interminably long time in the air and inventiveness was lost among the typically forthright challenges of a London derby.

Whyte's glancing header from Williams's 52nd-minute cross, directed straight at Salmon, was the first effort on target from either side and when Salako drove a low ball across goal but failed to find a colleague in support, the last chance of a goal had come and gone.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): M Salmon — S Balmer, A McLeary, P Chapple, S Minto — J Robinson (sub: S Newton, 82min), A Pardew, D Pitcher, C Walsh — G Nelson (sub: P Gorman, 76), K Grant.
CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — J Humphrey, E Young, A Thorn, C Coleman — R Bowry, R Shaw, G Southgate, S Rodger (sub: D Gordon, 82) — P Williams (sub: J Salako, 58), D Whyte.
Referee: M Bodenham.

AUSTIN GRANT



Nelson, of Charlton, left, loses out to Thorn, of Crystal Palace, in this heading duel

Collymore shines but Forest crumble

Bolton Wanderers 4
Nottingham Forest 3

By Peter Ball

NOTTINGHAM Forest's tribulations are unending. In spite of an outstanding display by their record signing, Stan Collymore, they slumped to their fourth defeat in five league matches yesterday as Bolton twice came from behind to win an eventful match before the ITV cameras.

Once again, Forest's defence capsized in spectacular fashion, leaving the club without a win in six games, but it was impossible not to sympathise with their inexperienced young team at Burnden Park. Already with eight players on the injured list, including Stuart Pearce and Neil Webb, they had lost both Woan and Rosario within 40 minutes.

At that stage, playing football that recalled the days of Woodcock and Birtles, Gemmill (senior) and Robertson, they were 2-0 ahead and looked capable of winning by double that margin as they poured through Bolton's defence at will.

Collymore scored the first as a sharp turn and his electric pace took him away from Darby, David Phillips the second with a typical blast from 25 yards — and they might have had more. However, Rosario's involvement ended when he fractured his cheekbone, crashing into a post. With him went Forest's superiority as bringing on a second young player deprived their attack of its authority, for all Collymore's continuing efforts. Lee pulled one back before the interval and, after it, Bolton regrouped, increasing the tempo and by-passing midfield.

Under pressure, Forest's defence crumbled. "Some of our defending was pathetic really," Frank Clark, the Forest manager, said. "Losing two players didn't help, but we still had 11 players out there and should be able to get through without conceding four goals. We are defending very poorly at the moment as a team and as individuals."

Thompson, who looked a bargain at £250,000, took advantage to score his first league goal, and although Collymore put Forest in front again, the tide was flowing strongly in Bolton's favour. Lee and Patterson secured victory.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-1-3-2): K Branagan — P Brown, J Darby (sub: M Seagraves 69min), A Stubbs, J Phillips — A Kelly — D Lee, J McAteer, M Patterson — O Coyle (sub: S Green, 45), A Thompson.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): T Wright — B Laws, S Blatherwick, S Chettle, D Lyttle — K Black, D Phillips, S Gemmill, I Woan (sub: S Howe, 31) — R Rosario (sub: I Kilford, 38), S Collymore.
Referee: B Coddington.

White knight bidding to revive Celtic

Those who consider seven years to be a significant span in the course of human affairs would have found sustenance for their belief in the weekend fixture list, which paired Glasgow's Old Firm with their Edinburgh counterparts.

Celtic's visit to Tynecastle to meet Heart of Midlothian certainly presented vistas of irony because it was seven years ago that the two clubs fought out an epic end to the 1985-6 season, with Celtic edging to a championship victory by the narrowest of goal-difference margins in the closing minutes of the final day of the campaign.

The idea that a similar climax to this season's championship could involve the same clubs owes less to reality than invention, both lying in the bottom half of the premier division table.

Both are in peril of departing the Uefa Cup this week and each will have to endure the sight of their principal rivals contesting the first domestic honour of the season when Rangers and Hibernian meet in the Scottish League Cup final on October 24.

Each club will have to find new quarters or modernise their present grounds at great expense and, to complete the symmetry, both clubs are the targets of takeover attempts.

On Saturday, the Scots-Canadian millionaire, Fergus McCann, detailed proposals to head a consortium which, he says, is prepared to bid £18.5 million to take control of Celtic. If publicity could be transformed into shareholdings, McCann would already occupy the chairman's office.

Throughout the summer he has portrayed himself as the white knight who will lead the club out of the shadow of Rangers and into the sunlit uplands of football success, but his approach has been characterised by a certain eccentricity of method. He paid for prominent newspaper advertisements that invited Celtic supporters to say how much they would invest in the club if he were to take control.

He calculated that they would subscribe £5.4 million to own shares in the club, but, for a man whose bank balance bears impressive testimony to his business acumen, he has a trusting belief in the promissory value of newspaper coupons, observers in Glasgow pubs having noted that a percentage had been filled out by Rangers supporters who enthusiastically pledged improbable sums under plausible aliases.

For a few weeks, he floated the notion that the Bank of Scotland would be prepared to accept a shareholding in lieu of Celtic's £5 million overdraft, a manoeuvre which would have sparked animated interest among the bank's debtors, not to mention customers, whose allegiances lie at Ibrox.

If, as McCann insists, a shareholders' meeting will have to be called in six weeks' time to consider his offer, it is impossible to see how he can overturn the incumbent board, who have a pact to vote with each other in such circumstances.

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

In Edinburgh, in the meantime, it was announced that a city businessman, Chris Robinson, is to head a consortium to take over Hearts, whose chairman, Wallace Mercer, denounced the disclosure as "distasteful".

The supporters have been far less interested by the power struggle than by the probability of success or failure on the pitch. Seven years ago, Rangers had not won the league for almost a decade and Hibernian were on a course that was to bring the club within an inch of bankruptcy.

It was the advent of Graeme Souness, not David Murray, the present Ibrox chairman, which ignited Rangers' revival and, in the two years since Hibernian beat off a takeover attempt by Mercer, they have won the Skol Cup and reached the final of its successor. If it takes another seven years to effect a similar transformation in the fortunes of Celtic and Hearts, the millennium's end cannot come too soon for either club.

Entertainment comes first for Torquay and Crewe

Peter Robinson watches two third division sides enhance their reputations

IT COSTS £5 to watch Torquay United play at home. If you had been one of the lucky few to see Torquay play their last three home games, you would have paid £15 and seen 19 goals. It works out at a fraction under 79p per goal. It is, almost certainly, the best value for money you will find at any professional football ground in the country.

First, at the beginning of September, came Colchester United, held to a 3-3 draw after taking a 3-0 lead. Next, it was Preston North End who came, saw and were conquered, 4-3. Then, on Saturday, Torquay welcomed Crewe Alexandra to their cosy home amid the guest houses and hotels nestling in the hills overlooking Torbay. Again, the game ended 3-3, with enough drama, incident and old-fashioned end-to-end football to keep the bargain-hunters of Babbacombe and beyond putting their fivers aside for months to come.

That Torquay boast the only unbeaten League record in England and Wales means relatively little. Records are there to be broken and Torquay will lose theirs sooner or later. More remarkable is the way they have achieved it. What side could concede nine goals in the course of three successive home games and still expect to remain undefeated? What club could flirt with the GM Vauxhall Conference, as Torquay did last season, before bouncing back to become the last in the country, Manchester United, Arsenal *et al*, to keep its unbeaten League record intact? If you got odds on Torquay achieving that little lot at the start of the season, you would be a wealthy man this morning.

Torquay deserve their chance to hog the spotlight. They may be unfashionable, trailing in the western spiral arm of the Football League that lies beyond Bristol, but they are a team on the up at a club on the up. A plush new stand proudly guards one end of Plainmoor, with more promised for the future. Crowds are rising by the week. Best of all, the team that traditionally helped prop up the old fourth division is handily placed among the front-runners in the "new" third, playing worthy football under the watchful eye of a new, shrewd player-manager, Don O'Riordan.

Saturday, with perfect conditions in a perfect setting, was a day for the football connoisseur. For 40 minutes, Crewe were superb, taking a deserved lead, thanks to a dodgy offside decision and Collins's sweet drive. Then the warning bells began to ring. Clarkson was carried off with a suspected broken leg and though Rowbotham finished a glorious nine-pass move to make it two just before the break, Crewe's resources were stretching.

They broke in the 56th minute when Abel, a huge, rangy defender with coathanger shoulders, was helped off, nursing a gruesome cut above his eye and a headache. Lennon moved back to replace him and promptly scored an own goal, lofting a wild back-pass over the goalkeeper. Darby, seizing on a rebound, made it 2-2 two minutes before Foster set up Trollope for Torquay's third. It should have been 4-2, but Crewe, after leading a charmed life, staged a late, late breakaway that ended with Ward's side-footed equaliser. Bliss.

TORQUAY UNITED (5-3-2): M Lowe — L Barrow (sub: D Darby, 45min), D Moore, C Curran, D O'Riordan, S Colcombe — I Hathaway, T Kelly, P Trollope — A Foster, K Hodges.
CREWE ALEXANDRA (3-5-2): M Smith — G Abel (sub: L Jones, 58), S Evans, S Smith — W Collins, N Lennon, P Clarkson (sub: G Whalley, 45), D Rowbotham, M Gardiner — A Naylor, A Ward.
Referee: K Cooper (Swindon).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (1) 1 Merson 45 — SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 — 26,902
BLACKBURN (0) 1 Shearer 81 — SHEFFIELD WED (0) 1 Hyde 55 — 13,917
CHELSEA (0) 1 Shipperley 49 — LIVERPOOL (0) 0 — 31,271
COVENTRY (0) 0 — LEEDS (1) 2 Wallace 20, 48 — 13,934
EVERTON (1) 1 Rideout 13 — NORWICH (1) 5 Ekoku 44, 57, 63, 69, Sutton 77 — 20,531
MANCHESTER U (2) 4 Kanchelskis 4, Cantona 40, Hughes 50, 89 — SWINDON (0) 2 Mutch 78, Bodin 87 (pen) — 44,583
NEWCASTLE (0) 2 Cole 51, 84 — WEST HAM (0) 0 — 34,336
OLDHAM (1) 1 Halle 14 — A VILLA (0) 1 Saunders 51 — 12,836
SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0 Sheron 56 — MANCHESTER C (0) 1 — 20,067

Yesterday

IPSWICH (0) 2 Mitron 58, Marshall 80 — TOTTENHAM (1) 2 Sheringham 28, Dozzell 87 — 19,411

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	9	4	1	0	12	3	3	0	1	7	3	22
2 Arsenal	9	4	0	1	8	4	2	1	1	3	2	19
3 A Villa	9	2	1	1	6	3	2	3	0	6	4	16
4 Leeds	9	3	0	1	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	16
5 Norwich	9	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	0	17	8	15
6 Tottenham	9	2	1	1	7	2	2	2	1	7	6	15
7 Wimbledon	8	2	2	0	5	3	2	1	1	5	3	15
8 Blackburn	9	1	2	2	5	7	3	1	0	6	2	15
9 Everton	9	3	0	2	8	6	2	0	2	3	3	15
10 Coventry	9	2	2	1	5	5	1	3	0	7	4	14
11 Newcastle	9	3	1	1	8	4	0	3	1	5	6	13
12 Chelsea	9	3	1	1	6	3	0	3	1	3	4	13
13 Liverpool	9	2	0	2	5	3	2	0	3	6	5	12
14 Ipswich	9	2	2	1	6	5	1	1	2	4	6	12
15 Man City	9	1	2	1	5	4	2	0	3	4	4	11
16 QPR	8	2	1	1	7	7	1	0	3	5	9	10
17 Sheffield Utd	9	2	2	1	6	6	0	0	4	4	11	8
18 West Ham	9	1	1	2	2	6	1	1	3	3	7	8
19 Sheffield Wed	9	1	2	1	5	4	0	2	3	4	10	7
20 Oldham	9	0	3	2	5	9	1	0	3	1	7	6
21 Southampton	9	1	0	3	6	8	0	0	5	1	7	3
22 Swindon	9	0	1	3	3	11	0	2	3	4	12	3

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays 4 Marlow 7; Hitchin 2 Dulwich 3; St Albans 0 Sutton United 0, Wokingham 0 Hayes 1. First division: Berkhamsted 3 Abingdon 2; Leyton 1 Worthing 1; Staines 3 Maidenhead 1; Whyteleafe 3 Windsor and Eton 1. Second division: Aldershot 1 Witham 0; Collier Row 3 Egham 1; Hampton 4 Aveley 0; Hungerford 1 Rainham 0; Lewes 1 Ware 2. Third division: Cheshunt 4 Horsham 3; Clapton 1 Oxford City 3; Feltham and Hounslow 3 Hertford 2; Harefield 0 Epsom and Ewell 1; Harlow 1 Cove 0; Northwood 5 Camberley 1; Royston 2 Flackwell Heath 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: First round: Barking 1 Wembley 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 6 Minehead 2; Frome 0 Saltash 3; Liskeard Athletic 2 Bideford 1; Torrington 2 Bristol Manor Farm 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 2 Great Yarmouth 1; Diss 4 Sudbury Wanderers 2; Fakenham 2 Newmarket 2; Felixstowe 2 Soham Town Rangers 2, Gorleston 1 Wisbech 2; Histon 2 Walton United 3; Stowmarket 2 Norwich United 1, Wroxham 1 Chatteris 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bradford Park Avenue 2 Bacup Borough 4; Burscough 4 Darwen 0; Glossop North End 0 Atherton LR 3; Kidsgrove Athletic 1 Eastwood Hanley 3, Penrith 1 Chadderton 1; Prescot 1 Newcastle Town 0; Rossendale 3 Maine Road (Man) 2; Salford 1 Nantwich 2; Skelmersdale 0 Blackpool Rovers 0.

Endsleigh Insurance League First division

BARNSLEY (0) 0 — LEICESTER (1) 1 Oldfield 20 — 10,392
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 Shutt 32 — LUTON (0) 1 Telfer 77 — 11,087
GRIMSBY (1) 2 Childs 35, Mendonca 80 — WOLVES (0) 0 — 6,310
NOTTS COUNTY (3) 4 McSwegan 9, 29, 63, Turner 16 — DERBY (0) 1 Gabbiadini 53 — 11,005
PETERBORO (0) 0 — MILLWALL (0) 0 — 6,219
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 — BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 — 10,702
STOKE (0) 0 — SOUTHEND (0) 1 Mooney 84 — 18,145
TRANMERE (0) 2 Nevin 59, Brannan 90 — OXFORD UTD (0) 0 — 6,056
WATFORD (1) 1 Ashby 4 — SUNDERLAND (1) 1 Owers 19 — 7,694
WEST BROM (0) 1 Taylor 49 — MIDDLESBRO (0) 1 Wayte 47 — 15,766

Yesterday

BOLTON (1) 4 Lee 44, 78, Thompson 57, Patterson 85 — NOTTM FOR (2) 3 Collymore 19, 68, Phillips 30 — 10,578
CHARLTON (0) 0 — C PALACE (0) 0 — 7,947

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 C Palace	8	3	1	0	8	1	2	1	1	8	5	17
2 Tranmere	9	4	0	1	10	5	1	2	1	3	4	17
3 Leicester	7	2	1	0	7	2	3	0	1	8	3	16
4 Charlton	8	3	2	0	7	1	1	2	1	4	7	16
5 Middlesbro	8	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	11	7	14
6 Southend	8	2	1	0	5	1	2	1	2	9	7	14
7 Watford	8	2	2	1	7	6	1	1	1	5	8	12
8 Wolves	9	2	1	1	8	5	1	1	3	6	8	11
9 Stoke	8	1	0	3	3	5	2	2	0	9	7	11
10 Grimsby	8	1	4	0	5	3	1	1	1	6	7	11
11 Derby	8	3	0	0	8	0	0	2	3	2	11	11
12 Bolton	7	2	1	1	7	6	1	1	1	2	3	11
13 Birmingham	8	1	3	1	9	8	1	1	1	4	4	10
14 Portsmouth	9	2	2	1	7	6	0	2	2	5	10	10
15 Notts County	7	3	0	1	8	4	0	1	2	3	7	10
16 Barnsley	9	1	1	3	5	9	2	0	2	6	6	10
17 West Brom	8	2	2	1	10	10	0	1	2	1	3	9
18 Millwall	8	1	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	2	7	9
19 Nottm Forest	8	1	1	1	8	7	1	1	3	6	9	8
20 Peterborough	8	2	2	1	8	5	0	0	3	1	7	8
21 Bristol City	8	2	1	1	5	4	0	1	3	3	8	8
22 Oxford Utd	7	2	0	1	9	7	0	0	4	2	9	6
23 Luton	7	1	0	2	3	5	0	2	2	2	8	5
24 Sunderland	6	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	3	1	8	4

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Actonians 4 Lensbury 0; Carshalton 1 Winchmore Hill 0; Old Esthameians 3 Civil Service 0; NatWest 4 Norsemen 0; West Wickham 1 South Bank Poly 1; Old Bromleians 3 Old Stationers 2; East Barnet OG 4 Alexandra Park 2; Lloyds 2 Ibis 1; Kew Association 4 Broomfield 2; Polytechnic 4 Old Parkonians 0; Old Leymenians 5 Southgate Olympic 1, Cuaco 0 Old Westminster Cits 3; Reigate Priory 1 Brentham 4; Bank 2 Old Parmiterians 4; Alleyn OB 2 Barclays 1; Royal Bank 3 Old Salesians 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cobh Ramblers 2 Monaghan Utd 0; Derry City 1 Drogheda Utd 1; Dundalk 0 St Patrick's Athletic 2; Limerick 1 Cork City 7, Shamrock Rovers 2 Bohemians 1; Shelbourne 1 Galway Utd 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 2 Moor Green 0; Farnborough 1 Cheltenham 1, Gresley 1 Halesowen 1; Hednesford 1 Gloucester 1. Midland division: Hinckley 0 VS Rugby 1; Leicester United 1 RC Warwick 2; Stourbridge 1 Evesham 1; Coldfield 2 Bridgnorth 1; Tamworth 9 Bilston 2.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 Watson 24, Bonner 60 — BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 Aspinall 36 — 4,489
BRADFORD (0) 2 Duxbury 57, McCarthy 73 — CAMBRIDGE U (0) 0 — 5,666
BRENTFORD (0) 1 Gayle 49 — PORT VALE (0) 2 Van der Laan 51, Cross 68 — 5,195
BRISTOL R (3) 3 Taylor 27, McLean 40, Sterling 45 — BURNLEY (0) 1 Russell 81 — 5,732
CARDIFF (0) 2 Stant 58, Millar 88 — PLYMOUTH (2) 3 Nugent 35, 43, Comyn 49 — 6,362
EXETER (0) 1 Jepson 47 (pen) — SWANSEA (0) 0 — 3,655
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 — YORK (1) 2 McCarthy 40, Barnes 70 — 3,050
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 Hicks 36 — FULHAM (0) 0 — 5,616
LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1 Hackett 34 — BRIGHTON (1) 3 McCarthy 26, Edwards 69, 79 — 4,737
READING (1) 1 Hopkins 13 — HULL (0) 1 Brown 58 — 6,453
STOCKPORT (0) 2 Preece 65, Ward 70 — ROTHERHAM (0) 0 — 4,903
WREXHAM (1) 4 Bennett 15, 56 (pen), Cross 72, Jones 81 — BARNET (0) 0 — 3,767

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stockport	9	5	0	0	12	3	2	1	1	6	5	22
2 Hull	9	3	1	0	8	3	3	1	1	11	11	20
3 Reading	9	4	1	0	13	6	2	0	2	9	6	19
4 Plymouth	9	3	0	1	11	6	2	1	2	9	9	16
5 Blackpool	9	4	1	0	9	4	1	0	3	6	6	16
6 York	9	2	1	1	6	4	3	0	2	6	6	16
7 Bradford	9	4	0	1	14	5	0	2	2	5	8	14
8 Exeter	9	3	1	1	11	5	1	1	2	3	9	14
9 Bournemouth	8	2	1	1	6	4	2	1	1	5	4	14
10 Bristol Rov	9	3	1	1	8	4	1	1	2	3	5	14
11 Swansea	9	3	0	1	8	2	1	1	3	3	6	13
12 Burnley	9	4	0	0	12	3	0	0	5	5	11	12
13 Port Vale	9	2	2	0	11	4	1	1	3	4	8	12
14 Rotherham	9	2	1	1	6	6	1	2	2	6	9	12
15 Leyton O	9	3	0	2	9	7	1	0	3	3	9	12
16 Wrexham	9	3	1	1	15	8	0	1	3	1	9	11
17 Hartlepool	9	2	1	2	4	4	1	1	2	4	5	11
18 Cambridge U	9	2	0	2	8	7	1	1	3	6	11	10
19 Cardiff	8	1	1	2	9	9	1	2	1	7	6	9
20 Brighton	9	1	2	1	5	6	1	1	3	6	11	9
21 Huddersfield	9	1	2	2	3	6	1	1	2	6	7	9
22 Brentford	9	2	1	2	5	5	0	1	3	2	6	8
23 Fulham	9	0	2	2	2	5	2	0	3	5	6	8
24 Barnet	9	0	0	4	2	7	0	0	5	4	21	0

Southern division: Bury Town 1 Havant 3; Fisher 93 0 Buckingham 3; Poole 0 Sudbury 4; Ashford 2 Fareham 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood 1 Accrington Stanley 2, Gainsborough 1 Marine 2; Horwich 2 Bishop Auckland 1; Hyde 4 Frickley 0; Matlock 1 Whitley Bay 1.

First division: Caernarfon 0 Alfreton 0; Congleton United 1 Great Harwood Town 2; Farsley Celtic 0 Curzon Ashton 3; Mossley 1 Workington 1; Radcliffe Borough 0 Eastwood Town 2.

Third division

CHESTER (0) 0 — CARLISLE (0) 0 — 2,911
COLCHESTER (2) 4 Brown 8, 48, 53, McGavin 38 — BURY (0) 1 Kearney 55 — 2,702
DARLINGTON (0) 0 — WALSALL (0) 0 — 1,613
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 Smillie 10 — SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 — 2,872
HEREFORD (1) 3 Nicholson 33, Abraham 62, May 64 — WIGAN (0) 0 — 1,813
LINCOLN (1) 4 West 12, Johnson 57, Jones 61, Puttnam 79 — NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 Aldridge 34, Brown 45, Harmon 75 — 2,705
MANSFIELD (0) 2 Noteman 49, Wilkinson 63 — PRESTON (1) 2 Ellis 42, 51 — 3,762
ROCHDALE (5) 5 Reid 17, Whitehall 27, 37, Lancaster 42, Stuart 45 — CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 Norris 15 — 2,481
SCARBOROUGH (1) 1 Thompson 42 — SHREWSBURY (2) 3 Griffiths 26, 30, 82 — 1,137
TORQUAY (0) 3 Lennon 61 (og), Darby 72, Trollope 74 — CREWE (2) 3 Collins 25, Rowbotham 45, Ward 88 — 4,009
WYCOMBE (0) 1 Langford 49 — DONCASTER (0) 0 — 4,905

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Rochdale	8	4	0	1	13	3	2	1	0	7	3	19
2 Crewe	8	4	0	0	9	4	1	2	1	7	6	17
3 Preston	8	3	0	1	12	5	2	1	1	11	9	16
4 Wycombe	8	2	1	1	5	6	2	2	0	9	7	15
5 Colchester	8	3	1	1	13	11	1	1	1	9	7	14
6 Torquay	8	1	4	0	12	11	2	1	0	6	4	14
7 Scunthorpe	8	1	1	1	4	4	3	1	1	5	1	14
8 Mansfield	7	2	1	1	4	3	2	0	1	4	2	13
9 Walsall	8	0	2	2	4	6	3	1	0	4	1	12
10 Shrewsbury	8	1	1	1	4	4	2	1	2	9	11	11
11 Doncaster	8	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	4	5	11
12 Scarborough	8	0	0	4	4	11	3	1	0	7	3	10
13 Carlisle	8	1	1	1	5	3	1	3	1	5	3	10
14 Chester	8	1	1	2	3	4	2	0	2	4	3	10
15 Lincoln	8	1	2	2	7	11	1	0	2	2	3	8
16 Gillingham	8	1	3	1	5	6	0	2	1	3	8	8
17 Wigan	8	0	1	2	2	5	2	1	2	6	8	8
18 Hereford	8	1	1	3	8	8	1	0	2	3	6	7
19 Chesterfield	8	1	1	2	4	5	1	0	3	4	11	7
20 Bury	8	1	1	1	2	2	0	2	3	5	11	6
21 Darlington	8	0	2	3	2	7	0	2	1	3	4	4
22 Northampton	7	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	3	7	11	2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 3 Ashfield Utd 1; Glasshoughton Wel 4 Ossett Albion 2; Maltby MW 3 Denaby 2; Ossett Town 2 Eccleshill 1; Pickering 3 Stocksbridge PS 3; Sheffield 2 Pontefract Col 3, Winterton Rangers 0 Armthorpe Welfare 1.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Dunston FB 1 Billingham Synthonia 1, Gateshead 3 Consett 1; Gretna 8 Evenwood 1, Barrow 6 Harrogate 1, Northallerton 4 Easington Colliery 1; Netherfield 3 Newcastle Blue Star 2; Lancaster City 3 Tow Law 2; Spennymoor 2 Whitby 3; Leek 5 Bamber Bridge 3; Emley 2 Ashton United 0; Warrington 2

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0 — STAFFORD (0) 0 — 758
KETTERING (2) 2 Brown 24, Martin 39 — RUNCORN (1) 2 Brabin 29, Connor 68 — 1,476
KIDDERMINSTR (0) 2 Brindley 76, Purdie 80 — MERTHYR (0) 0 — 1,026
SOUTHPORT (0) 1 Quinlan 68 — SLOUGH (0) 0 — 1,224
WITTON (0) 0 — BATH (1) 3 Batty 24, Crowley 55, Adcock 71 — 688
WOKING (0) 2 Puckett 56, Walker 81 — HALIFAX (2) 6 Patterson 3, 50, Saunders 26, 60, Hanson 74, Peake 80 — 1,848
YEOVIL (2) 4 Sanderson 41, 44, Spencer 47, 67 — MACCLESFIELD (0) 0 — 2,516

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slough	9	4	0	0	11	2	1	2	2	2	3	17
2 Bath	8	2	1	1	12	5	2	2	0	7	2	15
3 Dover	6	4	0	0	12	2	1	0	1	2	1	15
4 Stafford	9	4	0	0	12	3	0	3	2	5	9	15
5 Yeovil	10	3	1	1	8	2	1	2	2	8	12	15
6 Kettering	8	1	3	0	3	2	2	2	0	4	1	14
7 Runcorn	8	3	0	1	11	5	0	4	0	6	6	13
8 Welling	7	2	1	1	5	5	2	0	1	3	1	13
9 Witton	9	3	1	1	9	6	0	2	2	2	5	12
10 Southport	8	1	2	1	5	5	1	2	1	8	7	10
11 Kidderminster	9	3	1	1	4	2	0	0	4	1	10	10
12 Northwich	6	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	1	3	4	9
13 Altrincham	8	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	4	9
14 Halifax	6	0	4	0	2	2	1	1	2	8	11	8
15 Dagenham	6	2	1	0	8	4	0	0	3	1	7	7
16 Merthyr	8	0	4	0	4	4	0	3	1	3	5	7
17 Macclesfield	8	2	1	1	7	5	0	0	4	2	14	7
18 Stalybridge	6	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	2	6
19 Woking	8	1	1	2	6	9	0	2	2	0	8	6
20 Telford	6	0	2	1	4	5	1	0	2	5	7	5
21 Bromsgrove	7	0	2	2	5	7	1	0	2	6	9	5
22 Gateshead	6	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	3	5	8	4

Clitheroe 2; Stalybridge Celtic 2 Bootle 2; Morecambe 3 Goole 2; Bridlington Town 2 Flixton 1, Winsford 2 Guiseley 1; Buxton 2 Hucknall 0, Lincoln 1 North Ferriby 5, Chorley 2 Liversedge 1, Knowsley 2 St Helens 1; Colwyn Bay 4 Thackley 1, Nuneaton Borough 3 West Midlands Police 3; Droylsden 1 Worksop 1, Solihull Borough 2 Armitage 2, Bromsgrove Rovers 2 Bedworth 0
Canterbury 1 Chatham 4, Kingstonian 1 Bognor Regis 1; Croydon 0 Greenwich 1; Molesey 2 Corinthian 0; Erith and Belvedere 2 Herne Bay 1; Sittingbourne 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Leatherhead 3 Met Police 5; Bromley 0 Margate 3; Basingstoke 3 Ringmer 0, Carshalton 5 Sheppey 1; Tonbridge 0 Tooting and Mitcham 2, Dorking 4 Whitstable 0; Andover 3 Eastleigh 0; Bashley 3 Calne 1; Lymington 0 Newport IOW 1; Dorchester 0 Newbury 3, Thame 2 Wimborne 3; Waterlooville 3 Thatcham 0; Weymouth 3 Elmore 0; Clevedon 2 Barnstaple 2, Odd 0 Moreton 2. Trowbridge 0 Mangotsfield 0; Taunton 2 Weston-Super-Mare 4; Tiverton 2 Paulton 1.
Raunds 3 Dudley 1; Telford 2 Grantham 2, Pelsall Villa 1 Pershore 2; Atherstone 0 Redditch 0; Rushden and Diamonds 1 Rothwell 1; Burton Albion 3 Sandwell 2; Billericay 1 Bishops Stortford 3; Boston 2 Canvey Island 3, Hendon 5 Heybridge Swifts 2, Cambridge City 3 Harwich and Parkeston 0, Wivenhoe 2 Kings Lynn 2, Chelmsford 5 Stamford 2, Lowestoft 1 East Thurrock 2, Stevenage 4 Corby 3; Barton 1 Halstead 2; Dagenham and Redbridge 2

Scottish League Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 4 Shearer 31, Jess 56, Richardson 77, 84 — RAITH (0) 1 Dennis 88 — 11,500
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 — MOTHERWELL (0) 0 — 6,633
HEARTS (0) 1 Robertson 62 — CELTIC (0) 0 — 14,761
KILMARNOCK (1) 3 Black 17 (pen), McCluskey 47, Williamson 72 — PARTICK (0) 1 Craig 85 — 7,411
RANGERS (1) 2 Steven 20, Hateley 52 — HIBERNIAN (1) 1 Evans 26 — 43,200
ST JOHNSTON (2) 2 Curran 38, Davies 41 — DUNDEE (0) 1 Dragutin 68 — 4,203

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aberdeen	8	3	1	0	7	1	1	2	1	4	4	11
2 Motherwell	8	2	1	0	8	3	2	1	2	3	5	10
3 Kilmarnock	8	2	2	1	5	3	2	0	1	3	2	10
4 Dundee Utd	8	1	3	0	2	1	1	3	0	5	4	10
5 Hibernian	8	2	1	0	4	1	1	2	2	6	8	9
6 Rangers	8	2	1	1	8	5	1	2	1	3	4	9
7 Hearts	8	4	0	1	5	2	0	1	2	1	4	9
8 Celtic	8	0	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	7	4	8
9 St Johnstone	8	2	1	2	8	7	0	3	0	1	1	8
10 Partick	8	1	0	2	2	3	0	3	2	5	8	5
11 Raith	8	0	3	1	5	8	1	0	3	3	9	5
12 Dundee	8	0	2	2	3	5	0	0	4	1	6	2

Baldock 1: Burnham 1 Edgware 3, Chesham Utd 5 Chalfont St Peter 0; Haringey Boro 1 Hornchurch 3: Enfield 1 Hemel Hempstead 0, Ruislip Manor 1 Purfleet 1, Yeading 5 Kingsbury 2; Chertsey 2 Tilbury 0, Harrow 6 Viking Sports 0. Dunston FB 1, Billingham Synthonia 1; Gretna 8 Evenwood 1; Barrow 6 Harrogate 1, Northallerton 4 Easington Colliery 1; Netherfield 3 Newcastle Blue Star 2, Lancaster City 3 Tow Law 2, Spennymoor 2 Whitby 3. Leek 5 Bamber Bridge 3; Emley 2 Ashton United 0; Warrington 2 Clitheroe 2; Stalybridge Celtic 2 Bootle 2. Morecambe 3 Goole 2; Bridlington Town 2 Flixton 1. Winsford 2 Guiseley 1; Buxton 2 Hucknall 0, Lincoln United 1 North Ferriby 5; Chorley 2 Liversedge 1: Knowsley 2 St Helens 1; Colwyn Bay 4 Thackley 1, Nuneaton 3 West Midlands Police 3; Droylsden 1 Worksop 1; Solihull 2 Armitage 2; Bromsgrove 2 Bedworth 0

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 4 Lazio 1, Internazionale 2 Piacenza 0; Lecce 1 Juventus 1: Napoli 2 Udinese 1; Reggiana 0 Foggia 0; Roma 2 Atalanta 1, Sampdoria 1 Parma 1, Torino 2 Genoa 0. Leading positions: 1, AC Milan, played 5, 9 points; 2, Parma, 6, 9; 3, Torino, 6, 9

GERMAN LEAGUE: Friday: Hamburger SV 0 MSV Duisburg 1; Karlsruhe SC 0 Schalke 0. Eintracht Frankfurt 3 Dynamo Dresden 2. Saturday: FC Cologne 3 VfB Leipzig 1; Borussia Dortmund 1 Bayern Munich 1: FC Nuremberg 2 SC Freiburg 2; FC Kaiserslautern 3 Bayer Leverkusen 2; Werder Bremen 0 Wattenscheid 0. Postponed: Borussia Mönchengladbach v VfB Stuttgart. Leading positions (after nine matches): 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, 16 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 14; 3, Hamburger SV, 13

FRENCH LEAGUE: Friday: Bordeaux 2, Lille 1; Marseilles 0, Metz 3 (abandoned after 87min due to pitch invasion); Cannes 1, Lyons 0; Le Havre 0, Sochaux 0; St Etienne 0, Strasbourg 0; Nantes 1, Caen 0. AS Monaco 3, Angers 0. Lens 1, Martigues 1. Postponed: Toulouse v Montpellier

First division

AYR (0) 1 Traynor 59 — DUNFRMLNE (0) 1 O'Boyle 75 — 2,012
CLYDE (1) 1 Strudden 10 — BRECHIN (0) 1 Redford 88 — 780
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 Eadie 39 — AIRDRIE (1) 2 Ferguson 37, Lawrence 80 — 2,184
FALKIRK (1) 2 Drinkell 26, 48 — ST MIRREN (0) 0 — 4,631
MORTON (0) 3 Collins 49, Doak 56 (pen), McEwan 67 — DUMBARTON (0) 1 McGarvey 83 — 1,420
STIRLING (1) 3 McCallum 43, Flynn 50, Watters 75 — HAMILTON (1) 1 Ward 11 — 1,251

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Falkirk	9	4	0	1	9	7	3	1	0	10	2	15
2 Clydebank	9	3	0	1	7	3	4	0	1	13	5	14
3 Airdrie	9	5	0	0	12	3	2	0	2	6	6	14
4 Stirling	9	4	0	0	8	1	1	1	3	7	10	11
5 Dumbarton	9	2	1	2	6	5	2	0	2	5	5	9
6 Ayr	9	1	1	2	3	6	3	0	2	5	3	9
7 Dunfermline	9	2	0	2	10	8	1	1	3	5	7	7
8 Hamilton	9	1	2	1	5	6	1	1	3	3	10	7
9 St Mirren	9	1	1	3	4	8	1	1	2	4	6	6
10 Morton	9	2	1	1	8	9	0	1	4	3	13	6
11 Brechin	9	2	0	3	4	6	0	1	3	2	5	5
12 Clyde	9	2	1	2	5	5	0	0	4	3	9	5

Second division

ALBION (0) 1 Scott 54 — QUEEN OF STH (0) 1 Thomson 62 — 433
ALLOA (0) 0 — MONTROSE (0) 1 Yates 79 — 391
E FIFE (0) 0 — E STIRLING (0) 1 McDonald 54 — 775
FORFAR (1) 1 Downie 30 — BERWICK (0) 1 Irvine 70 — 498
MEADOWBANK (1) 3 Wilson 40, Little 70, Bailey 75 — ARBROATH (0) 0 — 270
STENHSMUIR (1) 2 Steele 20, 69 — QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 — 450
STRANRAER (1) 4 Sloan 45, 64, Duncan 54, Grant 60 — COWDENBEATH (0) 0 — 520

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Meadowbank	8	2	1	1	6	4	4	0	0	8	1	13
2 Queen of Sth	8	2	0	2	10	4	3	1	0	10	4	11
3 Stranraer	8	3	0	1	10	6	2	0	2	4	3	10
4 Montrose	8	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	10	7	10
5 Stenhsmuir	8	2	2	0	7	3	2	0	2	4	7	10
6 Forfar	8	1	2	2	6	6	2	1	0	6	2	9
7 Berwick	8	2	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	5	5	9
8 East Fife	8	2	0	2	7	4	2	0	2	5	6	8
9 Alloa	8	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	5	5	8
10 Albion	8	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	2	3	6	6
11 Cowdenbeath	8	0	0	4	3	7	2	1	1	5	6	5
12 E Stirling	8	1	0	3	5	7	1	1	2	2	8	5
13 Arbroath	8	1	1	2	6	8	0	1	3	1	7	4
14 Queen's Park	8	2	0	2	7	9	0	0	4	2	11	4

AFRICA ZONE WORLD CUP QUALIFYING GROUP MATCHES: Zambia 4, Senegal 0. Zimbabwe 1, Guinea 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sevilla 0 Deportivo La Coruña 0, Sporting Gijon 1 Atlético Madrid 1, Logroñes 2 Lerida 1, Valencia 3 Tenerife 2

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord 1 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; FC Twente Enschede 2 SC Heerenveen 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 4 MVV Maastricht 1, RKC Waalwijk 1 Volendam 3. Saturday: NAC Breda 2 FC Groningen 1; FC Utrecht 3 Sparta Rotterdam 1

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	3	1½	2	2	1½	1½	3	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23½ or 24 points. With nine jackpot draws, dividends are very good.

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Dismasting of Fortuna leaves Smith devastated

By Barry Pickthall

WITHIN 24 hours of a spectacular start to the Whitbread Round the World Race in The Solent, there was drama on the high seas yesterday when Lawrie Smith's Spanish maxi, Fortuna, was dismasted, the Italian entry, Brooksfield, lost her rudder, and Nance Frank's US Women's Challenge crew was left struggling to repair a torn mainsail.

Smith's troubles struck at 1.30 yesterday afternoon, when Fortuna's radical mizzen wing mast suddenly crashed down. The Spanish maxi had just taken the lead from Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour when one of the kevlar stays supporting the 80ft aft rig is believed to have given way.

The loss is a devastating blow to the British skipper and his crew, who have worked round the clock to improve the yacht.

Last night, Fortuna was continuing in the race, though with her satellite phone out of commission, it was not clear whether her crew could make repairs at sea. If not, the loss of her mizzen, which carries more than half the yacht's sail area, will be an enormous handicap which the crew are unlikely to recoup on later legs in this 33,000-mile race.

The disastrous incident followed another accident shortly after the start when Bill Heffernan, of Ireland, suffered a head injury while working on deck — another in a long list of setbacks to strike the Fortuna crew in recent weeks, which included the loss of their cook and bronchial pneumonia that struck down the sailmaker, Russell Pickthall, on the eve of the start. He joined the yacht against doctor's advice, moments before she left the dockside on Saturday.

Another to rue their ill luck is the crew of the 60ft Brooksfield, skippered by Guido Maisto, which was one of the few not to take the short cut inside Ile de Ushant, as the fleet, swept southwards by a 15-knot north-easterly breeze, nosed out into the Bay of Biscay yesterday afternoon. Initially, the tactic appeared to pay off, but then news came that the yacht's rudder had sheared.

Frank, who missed last Friday's skippers briefing and photo-call in an effort to head off the threatened seizure of her yacht, had made the start line only because bankers had worked through the night to save her challenge from sinking in a sea of unpaid bills. She made it, just, but her sails, many of which are well used, failed to stand the pace for long.

First out of The Solent was Chris Dickson's Tokio, which surged impressively ahead of her rival 60-footers and the maxis as the fleet ran a gauntlet through a sea of white water churned up by thousands of spectator craft. As the fleet headed out through the eastern end of The Solent, she and Dennis Conner's 60ft American entry, Winston, were having a close-fought duel until a locked spinnaker halyard forced two of the American yacht's crew to climb to the top of the rig to free it.

Last night, Winston was back in eighth place within the fleet and fifth in class while Tokio shared the lead with Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia.

Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour led the maxi class ahead of Daniel Malle's French entry, La Poste, but was headed by four smaller Whitbread 60 yachts.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 16 00GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay). Whitbread 60 class: equal 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) and Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur) 5,658 miles. 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 5,659. 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 5,660; 5, Winston (D Conner, US) 5,666. 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 5,679, 8 US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US) 5,698, 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 5,661, 2, La Poste (D Malle, Fr) 5,662; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 5,664, 6, Fortuna (L Smith, Sp), 5,667.

When youthful dreams became reality

Andrew Longmore on Dolphin and Youth's triumph in starting the Whitbread race

The occupants of the Pink Cottage had clearly left in a hurry. Cereal boxes littered the sideboards, cups of coffee were left half-drunk, bedclothes were strewn over every room. The notice pinned to the kitchen cupboard alongside the crew declaration and a fading cartoon had a poignant ring: "Mark. Your mother wants to meet you by the entrance to the pontoon." The last minutes of a long and agonising project had come. And they are always the worst, the mind fighting the body for control of the stomach.

Matt Humphries, 22, skipper of Dolphin and Youth, the sole British entry in the Whitbread Round the World Race, did not even want to think about the afternoon just yet. "I'm trying to talk to you as much as possible so that I keep relaxed," he said. He had been talking since 6.45am when he had been woken by a telephone call from Radio 5. "It must have been the first sleep-talked interview on record," he laughed. At the end of his bed lay a copy of *A Woman of Steel*, an account of the British Steel Challenge by Vivien Cherry.

As the one member of the crew with experience of the Whitbread, and the only one who had believed unswervingly throughout the financial struggles during the last 18 months that this day would arrive, he, above all, had to remain calm and confident. If the prospect of doing battle with the most experienced seamen on the waters worried the youngest skipper in the race, he was not about to admit it. "If I did, we would have no chance. We're psyched out. We would come last. I have great respect for Dennis Conner, Lawrie Smith, people like them, but I'm not frightened of them.

"The great advantage we have over the others on this race is team spirit and the enthusiasm of youth. None of us are on fat salaries to do this. We've been living on the edge for a year now because of all the problems we've had. We're fired up and hungry."

Humphries, though, knew what some of his crew were going through. On the eve of his first Whitbread, when he was 18, he had sat on the wall overlooking the fleet and tried to eat a cheeseburger. "I couldn't even take a bite. I was so nervous." His bacon sandwich, a last luxury before a freeze-dried diet, proved no obstacle on Saturday morning. "Are you off round the world, then?" asked the waitress at the Hamble Tea Rooms as if nine months and 33,000 miles were akin to a blow along the sea front. Humphries nodded and went to buy a packet of cigarettes. "Just in case, I don't usually smoke."

Back in the cottage, which had been home for the Maiden crew before the 1989-90 race, the tension could be detected in every bleary eye. The quiet ones became abusive, the noisy went quiet. Everyone just wanted to get going. "Come on, cheer up," shouted Steve Hayles, a dyslexic who had trials with the England youth football team.

"The best moment will be when all the pleasure craft go away and we are left in peace and quiet. To be honest, I've not enjoyed the last week at all. Too many people around wanting too many things done," Hayles, the navigator, said.

True to the form of a project nurtured and financed from hand to mouth, he had spent most of the previous night on the boat installing new computer software equipment. It had only become available after a sponsorship deal with Reebok concluded in ten minutes at the eleventh hour. The offshore crew had been sewing Reebok on the sails until the early hours. Hayles had still not managed to find a pair of waterproof trousers to fit him, but at least he had left the emotional baggage of departure behind the day before the race.

Toby Iles, a member of the original disabled project which had merged with the youth crew to form Dolphin and Youth, had announced his engagement the previous week and could not hide the tears even behind his shades.

The farewells were worse for those who had donated two years of their life to the vision without the reward of fulfilment. Simon Woods, another of the original Dolphin squad, had given up his job as a stockbroker in Hong Kong to be involved — "Don't know why, rush of blood, I suppose" — but had not been selected for the final crew. He had stayed on to help out anyway and had dreaded race day. "There will be a significant cut-off to life after ten o'clock today," he said.

Yet victory was assured the moment Humphries and his young crew crossed the starting line followed by a mass of boats in The Solent. "The battle is already won. Sixty per cent of the race is over," Humphries said. Back on the notice board in the empty cottage, the words of the race regulations, etched in black type, suggested otherwise. "Beware. Ocean-going yacht racing is a hazardous activity."



USA 1, skippered by Dennis Conner, during the early stages of the Whitbread Round the World Race. Photograph: Bob Martin / Allsport

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: Bupa Great Midland Run: Men: 1, P Davies-Hale (Cannock), 29min 37sec, 2, J Kibor (Ken), 28.37, 3, G Stames (Belgrave), 28 42. Women: 1, T Laroupe (Ken), 32.38, 2, S Rigg (Sale), 32:58; 3, M Sutton (Tipton), 33 35.
BERLIN: Marathon: Men: 1, X Yawa (SA), 2hr 10min 57sec 2, D Dacha (Mor), 2.11 43, 3, D Tsebe (SA), 2:12:07, 4, A Shahanga (Tan), 2:12:24; 5, K David (Cz Rep), 2:12:29 Women: 1, R Kokowska (Pol), 2 26 20; 2, A Dias (Por), 2:26:49, 3, M Sobanska (Pol), 2.29 21, 4, T Djabrailova (Ukr), 2.29:29; 5, L Fogli (It), 2:31.16
AMSTERDAM: Marathon: Men: 1, K Suzuki (Japan), 2hr 11min 56sec, 2, T Dirks (Holl), 2 12:27; 3, M ten Cate (Holl), 2:12.39 Women: 1, Y Yamamoto (Japan), 2.29 12, 2, C Beurskens (Holl), 2 31:48, 3, Z Semjanova (Russ), 2 39:21
VERSAILLES: Paris to Versailles road race (16 3km) Men: 1, R Stevko (Cz Rep), 48min 34sec, 2, L Bebio (Pol), 48 35: 3, C Mazafi (Zim), 48 37 Women: 1, C Ferreira (Port), 54 18, 2, A Sergent-Paltuy (Fr), 56.22, 3, F MacLeod (GB), 56.51.
SPARTA, Greece: Spartathlon (Athens to Sparta, 154m) 1, R Larsson (US), 26hr 57min 12sec, 2, M Foucat (Fr), 27.46 37, 3, M Furn (Slovakia), 28 51:37.
AMIENS, France: 100km: Women. A Trason (US), 7hr 9min 44sec (world best) Men: K Santalov (Russ), 6 23 15

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Grand final: Essendon 20 13 (133) bt Carlton 13.11 (89) (at Melbourne Cricket Ground)

BADMINTON

LOS ANGELES: US Open championships: Men's singles: Quarter-finals. M Mainky (Indo) bt T Stuer Lauridsen (Den), 15-8, 18-16. Wei Chin Lin (Taiwan) bt Wai Lap Wong (HK), 15-10, 9-15, 15-9. Mou Chou Lee (Taiwan) bt P Esperson (Den), 15-7, 15-6 F Permadi (Indo) bt P Knowles (GB), 15-10, 15-4 Semi-finals: Mainky bt Wei Chin Lin, 15-11, 17-14, Permadi bt Mou Chou Lee, 17-14, 15-12 Women's singles: Quarter-finals: Xiao Qing Lim (Swe) bt D Julien (Can), 12-9, 11-7, Zhiqun Liao (China) bt Y Kartika (Indo), 7-11, 11-6, 11-7: Ning Hu (China) bt I Hanny (Indo), 12-9, 10-12, 11-3; C Magnusson (Swe) bt Si An Deng (Can), 11-5, 8-11, 11-2 Semi-finals: Xiao Qing Lim bt Zhiqun Liao, 11-7, 12-9, Magnusson bt Ning Hu, 11-5, 8-11, 11-2

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: St Louis 9, Florida 5; Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 0. Chicago 8, Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 6, New York 3; Colorado 9, Cincinnati 2, Los Angeles 6, Houston 3, San Francisco 4, San Diego 3 (in 10) Saturday: Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 7, Houston 12, Los Angeles 4; San Francisco 3, San Diego 1, Florida 2 St Louis 1; Montreal 4, New York 1; Cincinnati 6, Colorado 0 Postponed: Chicago v Pittsburgh
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Milwaukee 11, Cleveland 8 (10 inns), Detroit 2, Baltimore 0. Boston 7, Minnesota 4, Toronto 7, New York 3, Chicago 5, Texas 4; Kansas City 7 California 2 (5½ inns), Oakland 5, Seattle 3 Saturday: Minnesota 9, Boston 7 (10 inns), Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 2; Toronto 3, New York 1, California 6, Kansas City 2, Oakland 7, Seattle 2 Postponed: Texas v Chicago, Detroit v Baltimore

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER PREMIER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets 90 (Thomas 27, Harrell 23, Simms 16), Leicester Riders 87 (Waldron 37, Harris 16, Wood 14), London Towers 92 (Scantlebury 25, Aylnia 23, Bailey 16), Chester Jets 77 (Mayor 19, Parry 14, Crowe 12), Sunderland Scorpions 97 (Saunders 29, N Hopper 20, K Nottage 18), Oldham Celtics 88 (Alston 23, Casey 21, Merrifield 17), Thames Valley Tigers 120 (Obasalo 30, Lloyd 23, Scantlebury 20), Hemel Royals 68 (Pringle 15, John 13, Ayrault 10); Worthing Bears 107 (Irish 31, Harried 27, Lewis 21), Manchester Giants 102 (Samuels 28, Hillman 25, St Kitts 19).
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry Flyers 97, Sedgefield Racers 65; Crystal Palace Mavericks 89, Bury Lobos 67; Solent Stars 82, Brixton Topcats 97, Ware Rebels 94, Plymouth Raiders 87. Second division: Leicester Falcons 61, Chiltern Fastbreak 75; Lewisham Lightning 71, Mid Sussex Magic 87, Nottingham Cobras 72, Northampton 89ers 53; Stevenage Phoenix 101, London Elephants 87.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Rhondda 53, Barking and Dagenham Bobcats 54; South Tyneside 56, Ipswich 71; Thames Valley Ladies 47, Nottingham Wildcats 54 Second division: Leicester Ladies 76, Plymouth Racers 30; Spelthorne Acers 60, Guildford 37

BOWLS

CARLISLE: British Gas Northern indoor international match: Scotland bt England, 14-11 (Scotland names first). First round: A Blair bt N Burrows 9-1, 9-0; R Corsie bt M King 4-9, 8-3, 9-2; D Gourlay Jr bt W Richards 4-9, 9-6, 9-4, A Marshall bt G Smith 9-2, 8-9, 9-3, G Robertson lost to A Thomson 4-9, 3-9. Second round: Robertson lost to Smith 5-9, 7-9, Corsie bt Burrows 3-9, 9-2, 9-2, Blair bt Thomson 9-8, 9-7, Gourlay bt King 9-1, 3-3, Marshall bt Richards 9-8, 9-1. Third round: Marshall lost to King 9-3, 8-9, 7-9; Robertson bt Richards 9-6, 4-9, 9-5. Blair bt Smith 9-8, 9-3; Corsie lost to Thomson 6-9, 8-9, Gourlay lost to Burrows 9-5, 4-9, 8-9. Fourth round: Gourlay lost to Thomson, 9-7, 4-9, 1-9, Marshall lost to Burrows, 4-9, 0-9. Robertson bt King, 9-4, 0-9, 9-6, Blair lost to Richards, 5-9, 2-9: Corsie bt Smith, 9-0, 9-7 Fifth round: Corsie lost to Richards, 7-9, 6-9, Gourlay bt Smith, 8-9, 9-3, 9-1, Marshall bt Thomson, 0-9, 9-5, 8-7; Robertson lost to Burrows, 4-9, 3-9, Blair lost to King, 7-9, 5-9.
BROADSTAIRS: Shepherd Neame open tournament: Men's pairs: Semi-finals: J Milbank and D Briscoe (Broadstairs) bt R Cook and D Smith (Thanet), 22-16; M Arnold and J McKechnie (Margate) bt C Wells and R Symes (Horton Kirby), 28-10. Final: Arnold and McKechnie bt Milbank and Briscoe, 24-11. Women's pairs: Semi-finals: S Dewey (Dane Park) and D Williams (Northdown) bt E Brockwell and M Roy (Dane Park), 22-18, M Webster (Gravesend) and S Haynes (Sandwich) bt E Panton and G Rogers (Northdown), 21-11 Final: Dewey and Williams bt Webster and Haynes, 22-10.

BOXING

ROME: WBO lightweight championship: Giovanni Parisi (It, holder) bt Antonio Rivera (P Rico), pts.
BANGKOK: IBF mini-flyweight championship: Rattanapol Sorvorapin (Tha, holder) bt Domingus Silvarette (Indo), rsc 4th rnd.
POUGHKEEPSIE, New York: WBC super-bantamweight championship: Tracy Patterson (US, holder) bt Daniel Zaragoza (Mex), rsc 7th rnd
MARSEILLES: European featherweight championship: Stephane Haccoun (Fr) bt Maurizio Stecca (It, holder), rsc 8th rnd.
TUCUMAN, Argentina: WBA junior welterweight championship: Juan Coggi (Arg, holder) bt Guillermo Cruz (Mex), rsc 10th.

CROQUET

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: R Fulford bt M Avery, -26, +13tpo, -3, +26tp: I Burridge bt A Westerby, +26tp, -14, +7. S Cornish bt S Liddiard, +21, +26: D Goacher bt B Hallam, +30, +7 Semi-finals: R Fulford bt I Burridge, -26, +13tpo, +3, +26tp, S Cornish bt D Goacher, +23, -26, +19 Final: R Fulford bt S Cornish, -17tp, +16tp, +3, +22tp

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: British amateur championship (Chesterfield, 111m): 1, R Harris (Dinnington RC), 4hr 17min 22sec; 2, M Stephens (RT Italia), at 2sec; 3, M McKay (CC Luton), at 1.37 Cheshire Circuit (Byley, nr Middlewich, 89m): R Barber (Southend and County Wheelers), 2:32:52.
TIME-TRIALS: Harrogate Nova CC (50m): K Dawson (GS Strada), 1:51:08 Team: Rockingham CC, 6:01.18. Aberdeen Wheelers (50m): A Wright (GS Corsa), 2:02:54 Edgware RC (25m): E Adkins (Leo RC), 52.16. Team: Wren Wheelers, 2:49:13. Anfield BC (25m): J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers), 54:32 Team: Merseyside Wheelers, 2:55:16. Bath CC (25m): J Pritchard (Bio RT), 54:44. Tunstall Wheelers (25m): W Moore (Leo RC), 54:56. Team: Elizabethan CC, 2.58:39. Hounslow and District Wheelers (25m): C Roshier (Hounslow and District Wheelers), 55:27. Team: Hounslow and District Wheelers, 2:51:32. Ratae RC (Leicester, 25m): C Myhill (Chesterfield Coureurs) 57:00 Team, Coalville Wheelers, 3:05:54; (10m). S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 20:07 (course record). Team: Coventry Olympic. Heron RC (Devon, 25m): K Vale (VC Camelot), 57:08 Team: Plymouth Corinthian, 2:53:48. 1 07.22. Scarborough Paragon CC (10m): P Longbottom (North Wirral Velo), 20.12 (course record) Team: Goole Vermuyden CC, 1:06:04. London St Christophers (St Neots, 10m): I Short (Southend and County Wheelers), 20:12 Team: Leo RC, 1:02:25. East Liverpool Wheelers (10m): F Allen (VC Halton), 20.51. Team, VC Halton, 1.06:54 (provisional). Kestrel RC (Rothesay, 10m): D Gibson (GS Modena), 21:13 (course record). Team. Ayr RCC 1:12:37. Withington Wheelers (Cheshire, 10m): P Turton (Leigh Premier RC), 21 47. Team: Withington Wheelers, 1:10:57. Lincoln Wheelers (10m): S Wells (Lindsey RCC), 21:53 Maldon and District CC (10m): G Davis (Pro Circuit RT), 22.44. CC Breckland (Norfolk, two-up 10m), R Boundy and M. Gambling (CC Breckland), 21:54.
CYCLO-CROSS: Three Peaks (North Yorkshire, 35m). 1, F Salmon (Peugeot), 3:06:00, 2, N Craig (Diamond Back), at 3:41, 3, I Ferguson (Hetwith Bridge), at 6:20. Team Bradford Olympic RC, Macclesfield Wheelers (Lyme Park, 12m): P Middleton (North West Off-Road Club), 1:03:00
HILL CLIMBS: Leigh Premier RC (Frodsham, 1,400 yards). S Hulme (Manchester Wheelers), 3:07.6 Team: Leigh Premier RC, 10:47 0 Team Mirage tour-stage (North Yorkshire, 6 45m) S Tyson (Hartlepool CC), 28:09 0 Team Lune RCC (two riders), 1 09:04.8 Don Valley CCA (600 yards): D Downing (Dinnington RC), 1:06 3. Team: Dinnington RC, 3:31.8 Northern Ireland championship (Limavady, 3.2m): J Hunter (North Down CC), 10 45 7 (course record).
BOLOGNA, Italy: Tour of Emilia (205km): 1, M Fondriest (It), 5hr 7min 59sec; 2, P Richard (Switz): 3, C Chiappucci (It), both same time
CHICAGO: International Bike Challenge (50m): 1, J Lieswin (US), 1hr 51min 09sec; 2, S Hegg (US); 3, T Swift (US), both same time; 4, D Mann (GB), at 20sec. Other British placings: 7, J Tanner, at 1min 6sec; 15, C Laywhite, at 1 lap

EQUESTRIANISM

LANAKEN, Belgium: Nations' Cup: 1, Switzerland, 4 faults, equal 2, France, Germany, Holland, 12; equal 5, Britain, Belgium, 16.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: South Korea 1 Australia 0 (in Seoul)
WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Slovenia 0, England 10
Late results on Friday
CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Park Avenue 2, Bacup 4.

GOLF

ENDICOTT, New York: BC open championship: Third round (US unless stated): 204: B McCallister, 68, 71, 65. 205: J McGovern, 69, 67, 69. 206: B Glasson, 66, 72, 68: D Ogrin, 71, 71, 64. 207: C Smith, 70, 71, 66; D Watson (SA), 69, 70, 68; B Bryant, 68, 71, 68; M Lye, 67, 71, 69; P Jacobsen, 69, 68, 70. 208: R Fehr, 70, 71, 67, E Humenik, 68, 75, 67; C Perry, 74, 67, 67; G Kraft, 70, 70, 68. 209: B Clampett, 70, 70, 69 210: M Zayem, 71, 72, 67, B Mayfair, 70, 71, 69, H Twitty, 72, 69, 69; E Dougherty, 71, 69, 70; R Wrenn, 72, 68, 70; L Ten Broeck, 70, 69, 71.
SAN DIEGO, California: Women's tournament: Third round (US unless stated): 204: K Monaghan, 66, 69, 69. 205: P Sheehan, 69, 66, 70. 206: D Andrews, 66, 72, 68: J Inkster, 69, 68, 69. 210: F Descampe (Bel), 70, 74, 66. B Mucha, 70, 69, 71. 211: S Steinhauer, 75, 69, 67; M McGann, 74, 70, 67; D Eggeling, 72, 71, 68; L Davies (GB), 68, 70, 73. 212: P Bradley, 68, 77, 66; C Hill, 72, 72, 68; J Stephenson (Aus), 70, 73, 69; H Alfredsson (Swe), 68, 74, 70; J Dickinson, 71, 70, 71; J Pitcock, 69, 72, 71; M Mallon, 69, 72, 71; M Mackall, 69, 71, 72, M McGeorge, 69, 70, 73; G Graham (Can), 67, 68, 77 Other British scores: 215: S Strudwick, 74, 69, 72. 216: P Wright, 71, 71, 74.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Basingstoke Beavers 17, Swindon Wildcats 10; Bracknell Bees 5, Cardiff Devils 7; Fife Flyers 4, Sheffield Steelers 5; Milton Keynes Kings 5, Humberside Seahawks 6; Nottingham Panthers 4, Slough Jets 2; Teesside Bombers 5, Whitley Warriors 7.
BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Paisley Pirates 8, Trafford Metros 10; Telford Tigers 12, Chelmsford Chieftains 5.
AUTUMN CUP: Dumfries Vikings 6, Blackburn Hawks 14; Oxford Stars 0, Guildford Flames 12.

LACROSSE

PURLEY: Surrey women's club tournament: Final placings: 1, Guildford; 2, Purley, 3, Queen Anne's, Kingston; 4, Purley II; 5, Weybridge; 6, Reigate.
WEYBRIDGE: Surrey schools' tournament: Semi-finals: Claremont, Esher 0 Guildford High 1: St Catherine's, Bramley 2, Coloma Convent, Croydon 4. Final: Guildford High 3, Coloma 0
NEWBURY: West territory tournament: Schools: Semi-finals: Downe House, Newbury 5, Cheltenham 2; Queen Anne's, Caversham 6, Godolphin, Salisbury 1 Final: Queen Anne's 3, Downe House 3. Clubs: Final: Berkshire Wanderers 2, Southampton 2.

MOTOR RACING

SUZUKA, Japan: All Japan F-3000 Championship: Ninth leg (35 laps of 5.864km): 1, R Cheever (US), Reynard 93D MF308, 1hr 04min 46.559sec; 2, E Irvine (GB), Lola T92-50 MF308, 1:04.49 671: 3, T Suzuki (Japan), Lola T93-50 DFV, 1:04:50.891. Other British placing: 14, A Reid, Lola T93-50 MF308, 1.06.07.563.

MOTORCYCLING

ARAMA: Spanish grand prix: 500cc: 1, A Barros (Br) Suzuki, 44:22.944 (av 145.733kph); 2, D Beattie (Aus) Honda, 44 27.680: 3, K Schwantz (US) Suzuki, 44.40 522, 4, A Criville (Sp) Honda, 44.45 760. 5, D Chandler (US) Cagiva, 45.21 354. British placings: 8, N Mackenzie (GB) Yamaha, 45.39.216, 9, J Reynolds (GB) Yamaha, 45:43.222. Final world championship standings: 1, Schwantz, 248pts; 2, W Rainey (US) Yamaha, 214, 3, Beattie, 176, 4, M Doohan (Aus) Honda, 156; 5, L Cadalora (It) Yamaha, 145; 6, Barros, 125. 250cc: 1, T Harada (Japan) Yamaha, 43min 12.677sec (av 144.337 kph); 2, L Reggiani (It) Aprilia, 43:13.894, 3, M Biaggi (It) Honda, 43:19 468; 4, A Puig (Sp) Honda, 43:25.406, 5, L Capirossi (It) Honda, 43.26 124. Final world championship standings: 1, Harada, 197, 2, Capirossi, 193, 3, Reggiani 158; 4, Biaggi, 142; 5, D Romboni (It) Honda, 139 125cc: 1, R Waldmann (Ger) Aprilia, 44.12.434 (av 135.857kph), 2, T Tsujimura (Japan) Honda, 44 15.136; 3, K Sakata (Japan) Honda, 44:17.318; 4, F Gresini (It) Honda, 44:17.420; 5, S Prein (Ger) Honda, 44 17.623 Final world championship standings: 1, D Raudies (Ger), 280; 2, Sakata, 266; 3, Tsujimura, 177; 4, Waldmann, 160; 5, N Ueda (Japan) Honda, 129.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Saturday: Bedford 55, Liverpool St Helens 3; Birmingham and Solihull 20, Leamington 25; Cambridge University 30, Sheffield 19; Clifton 25, Havant 10; Coventry 21, Lydney 22; Fylde 30, Vale of Lune 3; Hereford 9, Gordon League 3; Leeds 29, Bradford and Bingley 30; London Welsh 23, Richmond 21; Maidstone 0, Blackheath 34; Morley 48, Rotherham 3; North Walsham 0, Norwich 13; Northern 18, Aspatria 0; Nuneaton 12, Hull Ionians 13; Preston Grasshoppers 9, Harrogate 10; Rosslyn Park 46, Southend 0. Sidcup 11, Askeans 15; Sudbury 44, Ealing 17; Torquay 20, Plymouth 25; Weston-super-Mare 21, Barnstaple 8. Yesterday: Camborne 28, Penryn 18; Redruth 10, Launceston 7

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Bradford 31 Featherstone 16
Bradford: Tries: Dixon, K Fairbank, Kebbie, Newlove, Summers. Goals: Fox 5. Dropped goal: Fox. Featherstone: Tries: Gibson 2, Manning. Goals: Maloney 2. Att: 6,832.
Castleford 18 St Helens 35
Castleford: Tries: Ellis, Ford, Smith. Goals: Crooks 3. St Helens: Tries: Dwyer, Joynt, Mann, Nickle, Ropati, Veivers. Goals: Loughlin 5. Dropped goals: O'Donnell. Att: 6,303.
Halifax 27 Leigh 26
Halifax: Tries: Bishop, Divorty, Hellas, Preston, Sharp. Goals: Bishop 3. Dropped goal: Bishop. Leigh: Tries: Sarsfield 2, Hall, Martyn. Goals: Clarke 5. Att: 6,069.
Hull 6 Warrington 19
Hull: Try: Sterling. Goal: Eastwood. Warrington: Tries: Davies, Phillips, Shelford Goals: Davies 3. Dropped goal: Shelford. Att: 4,500.
Oldham 15 Sheffield 22
Oldham: Tries: Gibson, Lindner. Goals: Topping 3. Dropped goal: Crompton. Sheffield: Tries: Sheridan 2, Carr, Price. Goals: Aston 3. Att: 3,476.
Salford 23 Leeds 18
Salford: Tries: Critchley 2, Neil. Goals: Blakeley 5. Dropped goal: Blakeley. Leeds: Tries: Innes 2, Iro, Tait. Goal: Holroyd. Att: 4,943.
Wakefield 24 Hull KR 34
Wakefield: Tries: Forshaw 2, Goddard, Hanlan, Wilson. Goals: Goddard 2. Hull KR: Tries: Leighton 2, Sodje 2, Bayworth, D Harrison. Goals: M Fletcher 5. Att: 2,939.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	5	5	0	0	136	66	10
Halifax	5	4	1	0	143	78	9
Wigan	5	4	0	1	142	79	8
Warrington	5	4	0	1	105	63	8
St Helens	5	3	0	2	111	81	6
Leeds	5	3	0	2	120	92	6
Castleford	5	3	0	2	99	83	6
Featherstone	5	3	0	2	115	117	6
Salford	5	2	0	3	102	119	4
Sheffield	5	2	0	3	105	131	4
Hull KR	5	2	0	3	90	134	4
Hull	5	1	1	3	84	77	3
Oldham	5	1	0	4	87	104	2
Wakefield	5	1	0	4	72	123	2
Widnes	5	1	0	4	85	144	2
Leigh	5	0	0	5	68	131	0

Second division

Barrow 25 Huddersfield 30
Batley 28 Whitehaven 16
Bramley 13 Highfield 16
Carlisle 29 Swinton 20
Hunslet 12 Keighley 36
London Crus 17 Dewsbury 42
Rochdale 18 Ryedale York 28
Workington 32 Doncaster 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	5	5	0	0	138	56	10
Workington	5	4	0	1	145	45	8
Keighley	5	4	0	1	126	74	8
Dewsbury	5	3	1	1	177	77	7
Ryedale York	5	3	1	1	111	78	7
Whitehaven	5	2	2	1	92	72	6
London Crus	5	3	0	2	122	114	6
Doncaster	5	3	0	2	110	124	6
Batley	5	3	0	2	86	116	6
Carlisle	5	3	0	2	87	118	6
Barrow	5	2	0	3	135	131	4
Rochdale	5	1	0	4	121	106	2
Swinton	5	1	0	4	98	159	2
Highfield	5	1	0	4	84	207	2
Bramley	5	0	0	5	51	108	0
Hunslet	5	0	0	5	74	152	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham City 20, Blackpool 23.
SYDNEY: Australian grand final: Brisbane Broncos 14, St George Dragons 6.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: British Pistol Club championships: Centre fire: 1, J Harrison 581; 2, M Gault 579; 3, C Greenhough 577 Standard pistol: 1, Gault 584; 2, Greenhough 560; 3, R Duckworth 559. Rapid fire: 1, J Rolfe 588 (record); 2, M Jay 577, 3, R Craven 573. Free pistol: 1, Gault 557; 2, P Leatherdale 561; 3, S Proctor 548. Air pistol: 1, Gault 578; 2, N Freeland 572; 3, M Kemp 568. Standard handgun: 1, Leatherdale 588 (record); 2, Kemp 582; 3, Greenhough 580 Women: Air pistol: 1, C Page 378; 2, M Thomas 378, 3, B Young 374. Sport pistol: 1, Page 580; 2, Thomas 564; 3, Young 559. Overall championship (on match points). 1, Gault; 2, Freeland

SNOOKER

MOTHERWELL: Regal Masters: Quarter-final: W Thorne (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot), 6-3. Semi-finals: K Doherty (Ire) bt W Thorne (Eng), 6-3: A McManus (Scot) bt N Bond (Eng), 6-4 Final: McManus level with Doherty, 4-4.

SPEEDWAY

ARENA ESSEX: First international match: England 43 (M Loram 10, J Screen 10, G Havelock 10), United States 65 (S Ermolenko 15, G Hancock 13).
BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Cradley Heath 56, Eastbourne 52. Second division: Edinburgh 75, Newcastle 31; Oxford 53, Middlesbrough 55; Peterborough 59, Long Eaton 47: Swindon 61, Edinburgh 47.

SQUASH

JOHANNESBURG: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: L Irving (Aus) bt S Schone (Ger), 9-5, 8-10, 9-4, 9-7; M Martin (Aus) bt M Le Moignan (Eng), 9-4, 9-0, 9-8 Final: Martin bt Irving, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1.
DUBAI: Men's tournament: Final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Martin (Aus), 15-7, 15-9, 15-7.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: Semi-finals: Chandigarh: Australia bt India, 5-0 (Australian names first): T Woodbridge and M Woodforde bt L Paes and R Krishnan, 6-2, 7-6, 6-1; W Masur bt Paes, 6-4, 6-2, J Stoltenberg bt Z Ali, 6-3, 6-3 Borlange: Germany bt Sweden, 5-0 (German names first): M Stich and P Kuhnen bt H Holm and A Jarryd, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; Stich bt S Edberg, 6-1, 6-1; M Göllner bt Holm, 7-6, 6-4.
Qualifying rounds (for 1994) St Petersburg: Russia lead Cuba, 3-0 (Russian names first): Y Kafelnikov bt M Tabares, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2, A Cherkasov bt J Pino, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; Cherkasov and A Olhovskiy bt Tabares and Pino, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.
Charlotte: United States lead Bahamas, 1-0 (US names first). A Agassi bt R Smith, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3; M Washington bt M Knowles, 6-7, 6-4, 4-6, ret; P McEnroe and R Reneberg bt R Smith and Knowles, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Copenhagen: Denmark level with Croatia, 2-2 (Danish names first): K Carlsen bt G Prpic, 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 7-5; F Fetterlein lost to G Ivanisevic, 4-6, 2-6, 2-6; Carlsen and M Christensen bt Ivanisevic and Prpic, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7, 6-4; Carlsen lost to Ivanisevic, 7-6, 5-7, 2-6, 5-7.
Seoul: Spain bt South Korea, 5-0 (Spanish names first): C Costa and T Carbonell bt Chang Ui-jong and Kim Chi-wan, South Korea, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; S Bruguera bt Shin Han-cheol, 6-3, 6-2; A Berasategui bt Chang Ui-jong, 6-3, 6-2.
Christchurch: Austria bt New Zealand, 3-2 (Austrian names first): A Antonitsch and T Buchmayer lost to B Steven and K Evernden, 5-7, 7-6, 3-6, 2-6, H Skoff lost to Steven, 6-7, 7-6, 3-6; Antonitsch bt Evernden, 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2
Budapest: Hungary bt Argentina, 4-1 (Hungarian names first). S Noszaly and V Nagy lost to J Frana and P Albano, 6-7, 1-6, 1-6; J Krocsko bt Frana, 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Noszaly bt A Mancini, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3
Brussels: Belgium lead Brazil, 2-1 (Belgian names first). F Dewulf and T Van Houdt lost to C Motta and L Mattar, 1-6, 3-6, 3-6.
Europe-African zone: Promotion play-offs: South Africa 5, Senegal 0, Romania 4, Morocco 1.
SHEFFIELD: LTA autumn satellite tournament: Finals: Men's singles: P Langvardt (Den) bt T Henman (Oxon), 6-4, 6-4. Men's doubles: J Hunter and D Sapsford (Surrey) bt P Hand (Berks) and M Maclagan (Scot), 6-2, 7-5. Women's singles: L Bois (Fr) bt D Huwer (US), 6-2, 6-3. Women's doubles: C Hunt and S A Siddall (Dorset) bt N Egorova and S Parkhomenko (Russ), 6-4, 7-5.
TOKYO: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: K Date (Japan) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-1, 7-6; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 6-3, 6-4 Final: Coetzer bt Date, 6-3, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Czech Republic): Pool one: Bulgaria bt Holland, 3-1. Pool two: Ukraine bt Germany, 3-0.

YACHTING

PERTH, Australia: World match racing championship: Final positions: 1, R Coutts (NZ); 2, E Baird (US), 3, R Davis (NZ), 4, E Warden-Owen (Eng), 5, R Heiner (Holl), 6, B Pace (Fr); 7, P Gilmour (Aus); 8, C Law (Eng).
LONG BEACH, California: Tornado world championships: 1, O. Schwall and R Schwall (Ger), 18pts; 2, M Booth and J Forbes (Aus), 26; 3, C Clevenot and Y Quemec (Fr), 30. British placing: 15, D Williams and I Rhodes, 72.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 on 21 September 1993, I Lee Antony Manning of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the members and creditors.
Date: 21/9/93
Lee Antony Manning, Liquidator

Guildquote Limited
Registered Number: 1920782 Trading Name: Guildquote Limited. Nature of Business: Property Developers. Trade Classification: 8630. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 17 September 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Stockholm Finance Limited Names of persons appointed. S V Freakley and I P Phillips (office holder nos: 8291 and 2636) both of Buchler Phillips 84 Grosvenor Street, London. W1X 9DF.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
MAJOR AND GOODING SHOPFITTING CO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4RY, on 22nd October 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated the 20th September 1993
By order of the Board
C. Gooding, Director.

Insolvency Act 1986
J. Alsford Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
A meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on 15 October 1993 at 10.00 am to receive a report of the Joint Administrative Receivers and to decide if a committee of creditors should be appointed.
Creditors, whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
A written statement of claim must be lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
Date 23 September 1993
T C Carter and M E Mills
Joint Administrative Receivers

KEWGLEN LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of The Insolvency Rule 1986 that a first and final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date for proving. The last date for creditors to prove their claims in the liquidation is 22nd October 1993.
Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to the undersigned Philip Monjack, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF Under Rule 11.2(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving.
Dated this 21st day of September 1993.
P Monjack, Liquidator.

NO. 007906 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF TSB PENSIONS LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 7th September 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £58,000,100 divided into 58,000,100 Ordinary Shares of £1 each to £21,894,100 dividend into 21,894,100 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 6th day of October 1993.
ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 24th day of September 1993.
ROWE & MAW
20 Black Friars Lane,
London EC4V 6HD
Ref: 209/28125-1
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
HODGE ASSOCIATES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terence John Roper FIPA of T J Roper & Co. Barbican Citygate, 1 -3 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8NA was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 13th September 1993.
Dated this 22nd day of September 1993
T.J. Roper, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF FIVE STAR AUTO CARE LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 16 September 1993, L Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this sixteenth day of September 1993
J Y Venvil

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BRADFAST LTD
Trading Name: Slate Line Kitchens & Bedrooms (Welling)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 7 October 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
Dated this 17th day of September 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Anthony Baker, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
John Bryant Floral Shops Limited
Registered number: 1866304. Nature of business: Retail Florists. Trade classification: 22. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16th September 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Hill Samuel Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Ryan Cridland Denham and David John Bienkarn (office holder nos: 1934 and 6676). Address: 31 Great George Street, Bristol BS1 5QD.

The Insolvency Act 1986
L.C. Finishers Limited
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 8th September 1993.
Dated this 22nd day of September 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2782863. Name of company: Central Business Club Limited. Nature of business: Business Club. Address of registered office: Trevlot House 186/192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co. Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002686. Date of appointment: 15 September 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 15 September 1993.

TOWER ACCEPTANCES MANAGEMENT LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
On 14th September 1993 the company was placed into members' voluntary liquidation and Peter S Dunn of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 2nd November 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice, that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated 21st September 1993
Peter S Dunn, Liquidator.

Hyde Park plays host to 6,000 in the Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run

Quick time rekindles Rowland's ambition



John Goodbody on the day when also-rans and champions joined together in the name of sport

One British Olympic dream may have died last week, but many smaller ones were born yesterday in the Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run.

A total of 6,000 runners sped or trudged round the 2.5-mile course in Hyde Park. From eight-year-old children to adults over 80, the famous and the unknown all tried to fulfil their potential, to kindle their personal Olympic flame.

Mark Rowland, the 1988 Olympic steeplechase bronze medal-winner, recorded the fastest time of the day, 11min 46sec, after nearly three years of injury and four operations.

"At this stage, it is great just to be running again," Rowland said. "I enjoy it. Inside, of course, there are thoughts I want to run again at the top level, but I will just have to see how I feel tomorrow."

Rowland, 30, is only running once a day. "If my legs get a bit banged up, I take a day off or so." He still has to have regular manipulation on his damaged right Achilles tendon. "I just ran today to see what shape I am in."

In the kaleidoscope of famous names and bizarre figures yesterday, few athletes have earned such renown as Josie Waller, 71. She set a personal best by almost a minute, with 19min 12sec, which sent her off to the world veteran championships in Japan next week in buoyant mood.

Waller hopes to win the 1,500 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and marathon. She has already completed one marathon in 3hr 49min 2sec this year. This is an Olympian feat for someone who started running at the age of 62.

One person who eventually may be challenging her times is Joyce Smith, who ran the 1,500 metres at the 1972 Olympics, won the first two London Marathons and is still keen. She finished third in her age group in her first appearance in the annual event. She said: "Running has always been my life, but it is getting harder now and I am getting more aches and pains. However, I still enjoy it." So did many of the others who tried to find out how their training or, sometimes, absence of training was affecting their fitness. Tom Bedford, the nine-year-old son of Dave, the former world 10,000 metres record-holder, was advised by his father to put in a burst with 800 metres to go.

Dave said: "I thought there was only 400 metres left and Tom was caught and finished second. I am not blaming the athlete on this one."

A sharp mid-afternoon shower made the grass course slippery, but the conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors or the thousands of spectators. The mass jog at the end saw international medal-winners alongside the semi-fit.

Alan Storey, the general manager of the NutraSweet London Marathon, which organised the Fun Run, said: "This is an event in which the person running slowly gets more applause than those who are running in the front. The competitive and the non-competitive take part at the same time. The slower runner can amble round at a comfortable pace, even if mothers are being chivvied by their enthusiastic daughters."

Matthew Yates, the Commonwealth Games 800 metres bronze medal-winner, who came third equal in his age category, said that this was an event that the athletics authorities should develop. "There could be the new Sally Gunnells and Linford Christies out there. Some of the kids here could be beating me in ten years time."

Many of the runners were aiming to win the Emil Zatopek Award, named after the man who won the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and marathon at the 1952 Olympics and who first visited the national fun run in 1986. The results are worked out on the best age-related time.

Among the other distinguished runners who took part in the event were two medal-winners from the 1984 Olympic Games — Wendy Sly, who was second in the 3,000 metres in the race when Zola Budd accidentally tripped Mary Slaney, and John Treacy, representing Ireland, who was second in the men's marathon.

The presence of so many leading competitors was a feature of the race and Yates said: "I think most leading athletes should try to be here. It acts as such inspiration."

There will be more results from the Fun Run tomorrow and Wednesday











The Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run was serious for some and light-hearted for others in Hyde Park yesterday. About 6,000, young and old, some in exotic attire, took part over the 2.5-mile course. *Photographs: Tony White and Kippa Matthews*

RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL FUN RUN 1993

MEN 19-23

1 R Godden 12.34; 2 D Frampton 12.45; 3 K Murphy 12.47; 4 S Goodfellow; 5 K Bunting; 6 E Broome; 7 M Bryant 13.26; 8 M Hart; 9 N Kearsley; 10 G Spring 13.39; 11 N Barrable; 12 A Humphreys 13.46; 13 M Sands 13.50; 14 I Dale; 15 M Pallows 14.00; 16 P Keeble; 17 M Elmore; *18 D Porter 14.20; 19 S Perry*; 20 P Carroll; 21 L Lawler; 22 Warrener 14.30; 23 M Cooper; 24 D Halls; 25 R Bellamy 14.50; 26 A Richardson 15.00; 27 F Thornewcroft-Smith; 28 R Lewis 15.10; 29 N Pimlott; 30 R Knights; 31 N Ayres; 32 R Congram; 33 J Jackson 15.30; 34 J Mayhew; 35 S Hudson; 36 M Gould 15.40; 37 D Liston; 38 W Blanchard 15.50; 39 S Race; 40 R Falk; 41 P Evans; 42 P Dawes 16.00; 43 T Pettitt; 44 O *Rangecroft 16.10; 45 M Dean*; 46 A Harris; 47 J Bayliss; 48 A Palmer 16.20; 49 R Bennetts; 50 G Sirelitz; 51 D Leverick 16.30; 52 E McCann; 53 N Coutts 16.40; 54 I Johnson; 55 P Gorman; 56 T Amourdedieu; 57 S France; 58 R Charwin; 59 T Frost; 60 L Mogg 16.50; 61 J Wisdom; 62 R Watson 17.00; 63 M Johnstone; 64 P Mcnulty 17.20; 65 P Spring; 66 C Baldwin; 67 J Paterson; 68 M Graham; 69 P Boddy 17.30; 70 M *Williams 17.40*; 71 R Rodrigues-Silva; 72 J Gomersall; 73 S Sullivan 18.00; 74 B Doughty 18.10; 75 M Stockbridge 18.30; 76 *M Paley*; 77 P Dockery; 78 R *Sussens 18.50*; 79 C Fitch; 80 T Batts; 81 I Margolis; 82 M Simmons 19.00; 83 A Smyth; 84 G *Fechely*; 85 T Goodman; 86 P Sheehy; 87 M Newman 19.30; 88 S Herbert; 89 N Hadley; 90 A Woodman 19.40; 91 N Curran; 92 *C Allison*; 93 M Smyth; 94 A Riley 19.50; 95 S Davies 20.00; 96 G Strange; 97 D Evans 20.10; 98 I Hadley 20.30; 99 D Woodman 20.40; 100 D Croft; 101 T Eastaway 21.00; 102 C Denning; 103 P Hort 21.10; 104 P Rollings 21.20; 105 R Johnson; 106 N Bigge 21.30; 107 G Diprose; 108 B Griffin 21.50; 109 C Barton; *110 S* Peters; 111 K Dunk; 112 L Thomas; 113 N Khan; 114 M Whipp

WOMEN 19-23

1 J Gardner 14.57; 2 A Briscoe 15.10; 3 H Walker 15.34; 4 L Skinner 15.50; 5 P Bongers; 6 C Bishop 16.40; 7 J Froud 17.00; 8 V Plaisant 17.10; *9 J Hickman; 10 P* Read; 11 M Brickell 17.30; 12 J Gold 17.40; 13 B Jousiffe; 14 E Rendell; 15 A Clarkson 18.20; 16 J Barrett 18.40; 17 S Clack; *18 L* Simmons; 19 J Bradley; 20 R Pilbeam; 21 J Adams 19.10; 22 R Page; 23 S Wakeman; 24 S Adams; 25 J Barrett; 26 H Seward-Bugler; 27 D Bursnall; 28 L Harrison 19.40; 29 V Dipple 20.00; 30 P Grant 20.10; 31 D Templeton; 32 *J Hefferman*; 33 L Henderson; 34 S Turner 20.30; 35 J Foster; 36 J Wasson; 37 D Brady 20.50; 38 L Morris; 39 L Bendall; 40 C Miles; 41 H Earl; 42 A Chable; 43 K Chowles 21.10; *44 J Drinkwater*; 45 J Riddell; 46 C Baker; 47 L Martin; 48 G Drew; 49 B Jeffries; 50 G Gavin; 51 C Roberts; 52 B Duncan 21.40; 53 M Knight 21.50; 54 C Rees; 55 T Burke 22.00; 56 E Preston; 57 H Clare 22.10; 58 J Ho-Kan; 59 S Gable 22.30; 60 M Lincoln; 61 A Bodle; 62 R Lemon; *63 S Lear* 23.00; 64 S Bartram 23.10; 65 G Murray; 66 J Rowland; 67 A Corbett 23.30; 68 A Millard; 69 C Woodwine; 70 M *Gallery*; *71 J Goodwin 23.50*; 72 L Lewis; 73 H Slocombe; 74 C Fullbrook 24.10; 75 A Gerlis 24.20; 76 D Jenner; 77 V Smales 24.30; 78 C Howes; 79 A Jessup; 80 J Soutar 24.50; 81 E Bailey; 82 M Sanderson; *83 B Craig* 25.00; 84 P Bacon; 85 E Lloyd; 86 F Murphy; 87 M White 25.10; 88 L Young; 89 M Ballinger; 90 T Perez-Palomar; 91 F Jerah-Croft; 92 F Saunders 26.00; 93 G Rifkind; 94 J Lagergren 26.10; 95 *M Stent*; *96 S Brown*; 97 J Sadler; 98 M Palmer; 99 J Foad; 100 J Bennett; 101 C Knowles; 102 V Arm; 103 P Alleyne; 104 L Wood; *105 H Joel*; 106 A Newton; 107 B Cross; 108 J Best; 109 A Brown; 110 C Dignum; 111 A Ayres; 112 B Pilgrem; 113 L Whipp; 114 J *Herbert*

WOMEN 40-49

1 P Rich 15.35; 2 S Barrett 15.57; 3 R Young 16.28; 4 R Tabor 16.50; 5 E Knott 17.00; 6 E Cudmore 17.20; 7 R Britton 17.30; 8 C Colam 17.40; 9 E Perry; 10 S Rowlands; 11 C Fogarty; 12 S Hill; 13 S Vernon; 14 N Johnson 17.50; *15 A Naylor 18.00*; *16 J Luff 18.10*; 17 N Sayer; 18 M Cook; 19 C Page; 20 S Doherty 18.30; 21 F Thomas 18.40; 22 J Bliss; 23 R Metin; 24 J *Skinner*; 25 D *Emsley* 18.50; 26 J Spreckley; 27 M Shirley; 28 S Fletcher 19.00; 29 M Sills; 30 L Hughes 19.10; 31 R Heaton; 32 S *Gardiner*; 33 B Horwood; 34 A Anderson; 35 C Pryce; 36 C Mabb; 37 E Melkiejoha 19.20; 38 B Reading; 39 J Green; 40 C Prowse; 41 L Tarrant 19.30; 42 M Turner; 43 C Watson; 44 E Ruocco; 45 S Norman; 46 G Clarke; 47 Y Dew 19.50; 48 A Ennis; 49 S Suffield; 50 B Washington; 51 P Jackson; 52 P Hyland; 53 C Bryan 20.00; 54 *R Weller*; 55 A Wood; 56 R Fossati; 57 M Mays; 58 R Reed 20.10; 59 S Goodman; 60 T Begg 20.20; 61 J Gower; 62 S Bundock; 63 G Law; *64 T Holman*; *65 S Sadler*; 66 P Burch; 67 A Marsden 20.30; 68 B Coutts; 69 J Hartley; 70 T Haylock; 71 A Linsell; 72 M Marshall; 73 S Mcginlay; 74 D Jenkins 20.50; 75 P Barlow; 76 A Kakos; 77 J Watson; 78 A Cooper 21.00; 79 S Gratton; 80 G Grieve; 81 E Lindsey; 82 S Wellington; 83 M Braithwaite; 84 V Hanscomb; 85 J Hart 21.10; 86 B Davies; 87 F Claridge; 88 M Krajewski 21.20; 89 E Moir; 90 D Radburn; 91 R Vicary; 92 G Bennett; 93 J Cooper 21.30; 94 C Rodgers; 95 S Ellen 21.40; 96 K French; 97 A Weale; 98 C Stevenson 21.50; 99 D Gower 22.00; 100 H Searle; 101 V Osborn; *102 S Smith*; *103 J* Fordham; 104 N Adams 22.10; 105 V Grant 22.20; 106 E Donohoe; 107 A Turner; 108 J *Mcewan*; *109 C Darwin*; *110 L* Sciackmann; 111 E Ankers 22.30; 112 M Howell; 113 M Mcdermott; 114 S Bennett 22.40; 115 P Dennniss; 116 S Donovan; 117 K Hinton; 118 C Marshallssy 23.00; 119 J Maillard; 120 S Dyke; 121 F Melvill-Gardner; 122 C Howard 23.10; 123 T Leonard; 124 M Lavender; 125 J Metzger; 126 C Miller 23.20; 127 G Bullock; 128 L Brown; 129 K Slatter; 130 V Saunders 23.40; 131 M Scott; 132 C Winter; 133 J Burnett; *134 C* Tahourdin; 135 S Agnew; 136 H Champion; 137 M Thomas 24.00; 138 S Herdman; 139 A Harding; 140 L Matthews; 141 N Barnes *24.10*; *142 C Sussens*; 143 C Mackay; 144 M Morris; 145 S Dawson; 146 E Barrenger; 147 S Brooke; 148 B Sztasi-SIEMA; 149 *S Pinder 24.20*; *150 M Denman* 24.30; 151 J Sexton; 152 C Horner; 153 D Turnbull; 154 J Eldridge 24.40; 155 E Forge; 156 *S Chandler*; 157 D Roberts; 158 L Bradley; 159 C Geehan 24.50; 160 G Bailey; 161 C Rooke; 162 P Corbidge 25.00; 163 A Watson; 164 J Jousiffe 25.10; 165 V Ives; 166 J Barker 25.20; 167 B Eastmead; 168 M Angulo; 169 J Sutton 25.40; 170 H Willan; 171 J Constable; 172 P Mascall 26.00; 173 B Suckle; 174 G Maciellan; 175 J Pollock; 176 M Howells 26.10; 177 R Turner; 178 M Lund; 179 A Levick; 180 M Darragh 26.20; 181 S Robinson; 182 C Stockbridge; *183 H Bryan 26.30*; 184 L Last; 185 H Belchak; 186 S Emmens; 187 P Walton 26.50; 186 M Ede; 189 C Sutters; 190 J *Brown*

MEN 19-23

1 R Godden 12.34; 2 D Frampton 12.47; 3 K Murphy 12.49; 4 S Goodfellow; 5 K Bunting; 6 E Broome

WOMEN 39-42

1 J Gardner 14.57; 2 A Briscoe 15.10; 3 H Walker 15.34; 4 L Skinner; 5 P Bongers; 6 C Bishop

WOMEN 43-49

1 *P Rich 15.35*; 2 S Barrett 15.57; 3 R Young 16.28; 4 R Tabor 16.50; 5 E Knott 17.00; 6 E Cudmore

MEN 50-59

1 J Smith 15.26; 2 S Tulloh 16.22; 3 S Lambert 16.55; 4 J Kimber; 5 E Osborne; 6 J Cox

GIRLS 15-18

1 C Goff 14.47; 2 R Garland 15.09; 3 E Bongers 15.20; 4 K Macaulay; 5 S Angell; 6 K Dunlop

BOYS 15-18

1 M Smith 12.37; 2 A Tappin 12.41; 3 T Boyce 12.48; 4 A Hennessy; 5 A Adam; 6 J Wilkie

MEN 40-49

1 A Rich 12.55; 2 C Hughes 13.19; 3 H Doe 13.40; 4 P Turner; 5 M Cronin; 6 F Briscoe

MEN 24-26

1 S Snow 12.09; 2 A Duncan 12.46; 3 M Yates 12.47; 4 J Dunbar; 5 J Kendall; 6 P Strutt

BOYS 8-10

1 J Raven 6.43; 2 N Hughes 6.50; 3 T Bedford 6.50; 4 O Josephson; 5 M Price; 6 C Benson

GIRLS 8-10

1 T Mcdonnel 7.31; 2 F Briscoe 7.34; 3 E Brooks; 4 S Civert; 5 J Marronn; 6 C Enderby;

BOYS 11-12

1 C Raven 14.40; 2 A Moore 15.21; 3 C Herdicker 15.34; 4 A Alcock; 5 S Taylor Foster; 6 M Sexton

GIRLS 11-12

1 B Wilson 15.56; 2 N Sallis 15.58; 3 S Dareve 16.16; 4 J Oliver; 5 J Bleasdale; 6 F Jegede

BOYS 13-14

1 M Townend 13.33; 2 T Dew 13.38; 3 S Bayliss 14.14; *4 R Briscoe*; *5 K Skinner*; *6 J Swallow*

GIRLS 13-14

1 R Felton 15.31; 2 V Smith 15.35; 3 K Power 15.47; 4 C Walsh; 5 A Wilding; 6 K Hays

MEN 27-29

1 I Manners 11.55; 2 K Goddard 12.24; 3 N Powley 12.41; 4 C Ojukwu; 5 D Laing; 6 A Griffin

WOMEN 19-23

1 W Farrow 14.59; 2 T Maloney 15.41; 3 M Myers 15.44; 4 A Galvin; 5 H Robson; 6 C Perry

WOMEN 24-26

1 D Maiden 14.23; 2 N Everett 15.20; 3 K Houston 15.43; 4 N Kaderbhoy; 5 J Mcleman; 6 P Emsley

MEN 39-42

1 G Grant 11.54; *2 J Estall 12.33*; *3 C Hall 12.55*; 4 D White; 5 J Mcglashan; 6 D Pitt

WOMEN 27-29

1 H Ward 15.00; 2 A O'NEILL 15.16; 3 V Jennings 15.17; 4 C Diss; 5 H Hoyle; 6 L Gloyn

WOMEN 30-32

1 S Wightman 14.01; 2 G Johnson 15.25; 3 M Epson 15.33; 4 B King; 5 J Cole; 6 A Murphy

MEN 30-32

1 M Rowland 11.48; 2 J Moores 12.23; 3 R Tweddle 12.38; 4 G Waterson; 5 P York; 6 #274

WOMEN 33-35

1 W Sly 14.20; 2 D *Phillips 15.48*; 3 L Gaine 16.08; 4 K Barfield; 5 R Gray; 6 F Kennedy

WOMEN 36-38

1 J Simmons 15.58; 2 J Laws 16.00; 3 S Bushby 16.02. 4 O Inac-PRICE; 5 A White; 6 D Cohen

MEN 50-59

1 G Harroll 13.31; 2 B Tulloh 13.33; 3 A Pritchard 14.06; 4 D *Surrey*; 5 G *Elmore*; 6 H Nuttall

MEN 36-38

1 J Tracey 13.02; 2 F Thompson 13.15; 3 A Beasty 13.18; 4 G Dwelly; 5 M Beakhouse; 6 D Orback

MEN 60-69

1 J Chandler 15.11; *2 J Taylor 15.12*; *3 D Thomas 15.34*; 4 P Wilks; 5 J Leith; 6 K Powley

WOMEN 60-69

1 P Agar 18.01; 2 T Borthwick 19.19; 3 S Jennings 21.27; 4 J Eagle; 5 B Green; 6 L Plumpton

MEN 70+

1 J Fraser 16.06; 2 B Davidson 17.25; 3 D Eyers 18.20; 4 L Price; 5 G Keeling; 6 G Cunning

WOMEN 70+

1 J Walker 19.29; 2 G Bulger 24.02; 3 A Billson 28.09; 4 B Jones; 5 L Stent; 6 E Oakes

MEN 33-35

1 R Gaine 12.36; 2 D Crossland 12.55; 3 K Jennings 13.03; 4 A Redfern; 5 S Smythe; 6 R Pearce

GIRLS 15-18

1 C Goff 14.47; 2 R Garland 15.09; 3 E Bongers 15.20; 4 K Macaulay; 5 S Angell 15.40; 6 K Dunlop 16.00; 7 A Taylor 16.10; 8 Z Goodman 16.20; 9 L Durge 16.30; 10 F Harris; 11 S Owles; 12 L Williams 16.40; 13 A Cornell; 14 R Sparkes; 15 J Mitchell; 16 C Thwaites 16.50; 17 N Henson 17.00; 18 R Amy; 19 T Cornell 17.20; 20 J Miller; 21 C Mooney 17.30; 22 H Williams 17.40; 23 C Allen; 24 N Craig; 25 E Challoner 17.50; 26 L Edwards; 27 F *Williamson*; *28 S Smart*; 29 E Simmonds 18.20; 30 J Rothwell 18.30; 31 S West; 32 K Trafford 18.40; 33 L Wilcox; 34 L Carter; 35 K Potter 18.50; 36 A Davis; 37 S Lloyd 19.00; 38 M Rodrigues-SILVa; 39 C Robinson 19.20; 40 N Gutch 19.30; 41 N Fry; 42 E Walker 19.40; 43 L Powell; 44 S *Wearn 19.50*; *45 C Martin 20.10*; 46 R Haylock; 47 H Maillard 20.20; 48 E Martinelli; 49 U Allen 20.30; 50 A Evans; 51 L Pottinger; 52 T Johnstone 21.00; 53 A Sutton 21.10; 54 R Bowen; 55 R Sherry; 56 A Henry; 57 J King 21.20; 58 K Spikins 21.30; 59 N Pollock 21.40; 60 L Conaliffe 21.50; 61 P Shaw 22.00; 62 H Dormer 22.30; 63 L Clapperton; 64 H Fotheringham; 65 H Armsworth; 66 L Sussens 22.40; 67 L Dunford; 68 J Francis; 69 R *Marshall 23.30*; 70 C Marshall; 71 R Lattin-RAWSTONE; 72 G Wignall 23.50; 73 S Keene; 74 S Sheikh 24.50

BOYS 15-18

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EDUCATION

Despite all the drama over university admissions, in the end the numbers added up. But will everybody be so lucky next time?

The nightmare that wasn't

Four weeks of sound and occasional fury eventually signified next to nothing. As usual, the universities have ended up with more students than they took last year; and most of those who passed A levels have found a place somewhere.

Yet, even a week ago, few would have predicted such an outcome to the most tumultuous clearing process on record. What started with predictions of gloom for well-qualified applicants had turned instead to near disaster for some of the new universities. Equilibrium was only restored in a final few days of frenetic activity.

The universities and their admissions agencies are still trying to work out exactly what happened. With more applicants and another rise in A-level pass rates, the last thing anyone expected was a shortage of candidates.

All the talk in August was of the effects of the government-inspired squeeze on arts and social science places. Early evidence supported predictions by the universities themselves that candidates would be turned away from popular courses unless they matched their offers exactly. More than 20 new universities and many of their traditional counterparts did not even enter clearing.

In the first 24 hours of clearing, admissions tutors rejected 25,000 more applicants than they had the previous year. The vice-chancellors, who had given warning of disappointment ahead for thousands because of the "nightmare scenario" of high A-level grades and restrictions on places, chose this moment to float proposals to charge students for tuition, using the situation as an illustration of the need for change.

Although the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) tried vainly to quell the rising panic among applicants, its opposite number serving the new universities and colleges continued to foresee big difficulties. Officials predicted a swift end to clearing in arts subjects and bleak prospects for those without high grades.

Clearing became a big story and John Patten, the education secretary, had to defend his decision to restrict recruitment outside the sciences. He would not be drawn on the extent of the problem and argued (unconvincingly to many applicants) that the colleges could satisfy much of the demand, but he confirmed his determination to prevent a further "explosion" in university arts courses.

Although the traditional universities continued to fill places without difficulty, before long applications to many of the new universities began to dry up alarmingly. The helplines that many were running became redundant and, since students mean money in the university funding system, some institutions faced crippling budget shortfalls.

Only when universities such as London Guildhall, which stood to lose up to £800,000 in lost fees, launched advertising campaigns, and newspapers began to report the high level of vacancies, did substantial numbers of applicants reappear. In the end, the numbers did add up and most admissions offices met (or exceeded) their targets. A predicted shortfall in the new universities of 5,000 students became a 5,000 increase on last year. With eight more institutions using the Polytechnics Central Admissions System (PCAS), the change is marginal.

There will be anxious inquests. Did the new universities' predicament herald recruitment problems in years to come? And, by taking 11,000 more students, have the traditional universities created a more serious squeeze on arts places in 1994?

With the benefit of hindsight, now applied liberally by some of the new universities seeking a scapegoat in the media, it is perhaps not surprising that many applicants gave up for a time. Arts candidates with mediocre A levels could hardly be blamed for thinking they had no chance of a place, and those with "non-traditional qualifications", who have played a leading role in the expansion of the former polytechnics, may have got the same message.

Had traditional universities not lowered at least some of their entry requirements, the pessimists would have been right. Despite overshooting their targets, the traditional universities took almost 3,000 more students in clearing. Some were making unusually low offers to poach science or engineering candidates they would not previously have considered.

We will not know until November how much of the increased intake came in the arts and social sciences, but it is bound to be the lion's share. Unless there is a change of government policy, admissions officers will not be allowed to repeat the trick next year. Jeff Enderby, UCCA's head of external relations, says: "Anyone who expected the government's decision on reducing the funding for arts and social sciences to take immediate effect was being a little naive. But next year will be a different story."

The new universities will wonder just how different. Was it a coincidence that their difficulties coincided with the first year that students had applied to the renamed polytechnics? And how will they cope with the unified admissions system operating for the first time in 1994?

Before the merger with UCCA takes effect, PCAS is analysing the qualifications of this year's entrants. Mike Scott, the deputy chief executive, says: "We are beginning to wonder if we are not somewhere near the bottom of the barrel, particularly in the A-level field."

If Mr Scott's hunch is correct, there may be serious consequences for some of the new universities and colleges. The traditional universities have confirmed (if there was ever any doubt) that they can and, when necessary, will attract many of the candidates who previously would have gone to polytechnics. The pool of 18-year-olds is no longer as large as it was when higher education expansion was at its height, and the prospect of tuition charges may deter some potential students.

Perhaps the only certain lesson from this year's clearing is that university admissions remain highly unpredictable for both candidate and institution. Even now that clearing has officially finished, some 6,000 offers remain in the system and some students will change their minds before the start of term.

JOHN O'LEARY

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Students register for courses in the faculty of science, computing and engineering at the University of North London last week

Set for a whole new ball game

THE academic year has already begun in some universities. First-year students will soon be attending lectures and freshers' week parties. Admissions tutors, meanwhile, are already beginning to look to next year's applications and considering what offers they should be making, as UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions System) begins to operate.

Offers for the most popular courses at the most popular universities seem set to continue rising. Many students who this year achieved the required A-level points, but not in the right combinations of grades, were disappointed at being rejected. Others were asked to defer entry for a year, thus threatening to raise entry requirements for other students.

> 'Anyone who thinks all universities will be equal is mistaken'

At St Andrews University, few students who achieved the correct points score were rejected, but courses were none the less oversubscribed: 46 students, about 20 more than planned, were admitted to read psychology, one of the most popular courses. Next year, says Dr Ian Hunter, the director of admissions, candidates applying for psychology and international relations courses are likely to be asked for AAB in their A levels, rather than this year's standard ABB offer.

St Andrews filled the few courses it had in clearing very quickly. Several of the former polytechnics, however, were still putting courses into clearing last week. Are their offers likely to be lowered as the old universities' are raised?

Not necessarily, argues Heidi Cummins, admissions and records officer at Teesside University, where there are no plans to change offers. "Next year will be a totally different ball game anyway, as the UCCA and PCAS systems merge. We are not changing our offers yet, but we will be reviewing our situation very carefully when we get our first batch of applications, and throughout the year."

Professor Reg Ruel, the head of corporate planning at Southampton Institute, emphasises that popular courses such as yacht and powercraft design are not in competition with those offered by traditional universities. "We tend to look at the student rather than at A-level scores." However, changes to entry requirements cannot be ruled out on courses such as law, where competition is far more intense.

Next year the UCCA and PCAS systems will be merged and a market-led hierarchy of universities and courses will begin to be established and reflected in offers. "The system is bound to stratify," says Peter Dunn, of Warwick University. "Anyone who thinks that all universities will be equal is sadly mistaken."

The new system will probably take several years to settle down. In the meantime, confusion may reign among admissions officers, as they consider what offers to make in the "totally different ball game" of the new UCAS system, calculating the odds will be tricky. Another bumper crop of A-level results could upset the calculations.

RICHARD BROWN

HIGHER EDUCATION ENTRY 1993

	Applications	Accepted	Rejected
UCCA	296,174 (271,777)	139,825 (128,929)	128,018 (116,364)
PCAS	295,000 (296,000)	129,500 (124,000)	105,000 (96,000)

Figures in brackets are for 1992

How has Australia overcome the thorny problems of student fees and quality control?

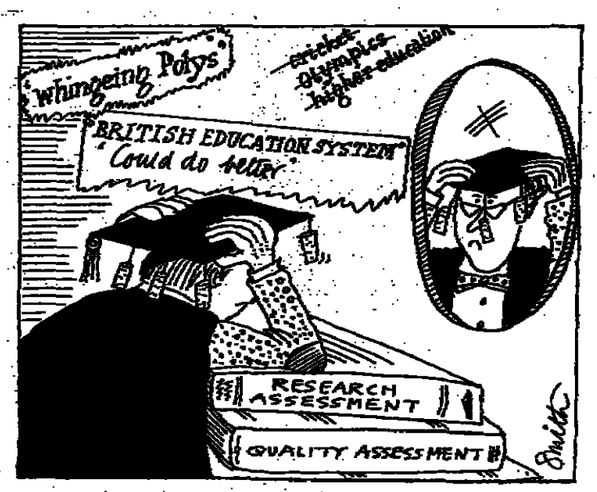
Take a few tips from down under

Five years ago Australia's Labor government abolished its binary system of higher education. Old universities like Sydney and Melbourne were crammed along with new ones into the UNS, or unified national system. Last year Britain's Conservative government followed suit, abandoning the distinction between universities and polytechnics.

That was our first lesson from Australia. Now there are two more which British vice-chancellors, and ministers in the education department, can learn. One, how to get students to contribute to the cost of their own higher education without too much political grief, they are about to get wrong. The other, how to measure and reward quality without oppressive bureaucracy, they have ignored.

Meeting last week in Leicester, the vice-chancellors agonised, as they have every year since the mid-1980s, about charging students for their degrees. The options under review were familiar — "top-up" fees, or a premium on top of the standard fees paid by local education authorities; a graduate tax; a surcharge on graduate employers; and loans for tuition (as well as maintenance) which students would have to pay back.

The last of these, which received most support at Leicester, is modelled on Australia's Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS). This is the lesson that vice-chancellors are about to get wrong. They argue that because charging has not put Australian students off higher education it will not put British students off either. And, if populist Australia is not afraid of charging, why should pommie liberals hold back? In any case universities badly need the extra revenue.



But it is precisely because Australia is a populist country without deep-grained habits of deference (as Paul Keating has demonstrated in his dealings with the Queen) that charging students has so far failed to produce the divisive social effects many expected. Even if most Australians live in cities which cling to the coast of their arid continent, they see themselves as frontier people building a new society. This enterprise ethic is most developed in the growing number of non-Anglo Australians from Asia and the Pacific.

Post-Thatcher Britain, in contrast, remains a hierarchical society. Despite rapid expansion in recent years the social demand for higher education is still soft. The children of graduate parents in the professional middle classes see a university education as their birthright. But they are the exception. It may not take much to put some people off higher education — better job prospects as Britain comes out of recession, or having to take out a loan on top of a crippling overdraft.

> University submissions are limited to 20 pages

Some fear that last year's re-labelling of the polytechnics as universities, the first lesson from Australia, may have unwittingly encouraged this ingrained feeling that higher education is for "them" rather than for "us". Although the threat of empty places in the former polytechnics can mainly be explained by over-recruitment by the old universities, their elevation may also have put off potential candidates happy to go to the "polytech" but overawed, or alienated, by the "university".

The clearest proof lies in the comparison with staying-on rates in Britain. Although many more are staying on after the minimum leaving age, the rate is still far below the proportion of year-12 students in Australia, which is up from barely a third to more than two-thirds in the past decade. What has made HECS socially acceptable, and so politically possible, is that nearly all young Australians complete secondary education.

Perhaps the social demand for higher education in Britain will become equally solid when there is a permanent peace rather than truce in the debilitating "school wars" of the past decade (which will allow standards to rise) or when the Further Education Funding Council's ambitious target of a 25 per cent increase in participation has been achieved — perhaps some time in the new century. Until then Britain will be stuck with a mass system of universities and colleges but without a mass mentality.

Some time in the next century is also when HECS will begin to pay off in Australia. By the year 2000 it is estimated the scheme will generate Aus$600 million out of a total higher education budget of Aus$5 billion, a useful but far from decisive contribution. More significant is the fact that, despite the introduction of HECS, the Australian government has increased its own expenditure on universities and colleges. There is no guarantee the same would happen in Britain.

The second lesson from Australia, which is being ignored, is how to assess quality without using up thousands of hours of staff and cutting down whole forests. In Britain the higher education funding councils operate two distinct quality control systems. Research assessment (RA) grades every department on a four-point scale. Its results have, inevitably, been controversial and its procedures absurdly cumbersome. And quality assessment (QA) promises to be just as bureaucratic. There is an urgent need to slim down Britain's quality-control systems in higher education.

The Australian system by contrast is simplicity itself. The government has established a quality fund amounting to 2 per cent of its total expenditure on higher education. Clear political guidelines have been established. Only half the universities can benefit; no university can receive more than 5 per cent of its existing budget; and the emphasis must be on outcomes rather than procedures.

No distinction is being made between research and teaching — and service to the community, the third purpose of universities which has got lost in Britain's quality bureaucracy. Instead the quality assurance committee will concentrate in its first year on overall university profiles, next year on teaching and the year after on research and community service.

Whole universities, not individual departments, will be assessed. Visits by the committee's four review teams will be brief one-day affairs. And each university's submission is limited to 20 pages, although appendices are allowed.

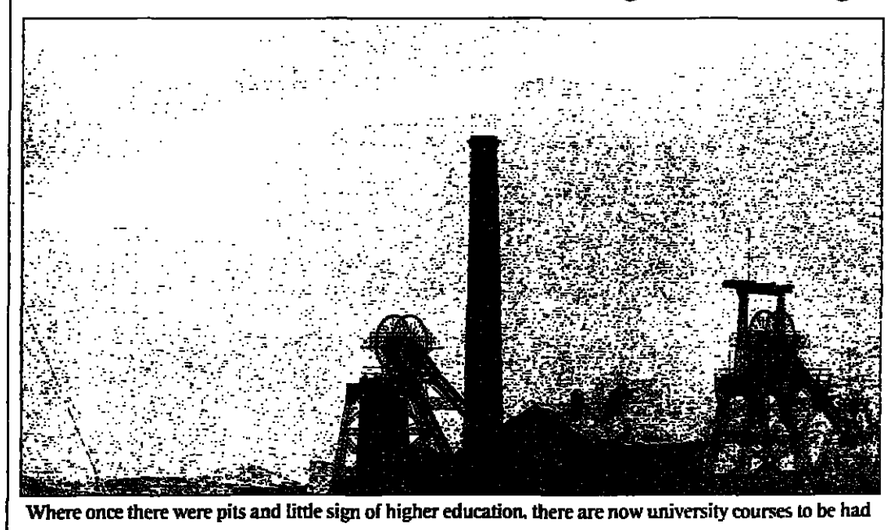
The Australian approach is an attractive alternative. It treats universities as organic organisations not collections of semi-detached departments; it regards research, teaching and other activities as interdependent; above all, it relies on broad-brush judgments rather than disaggregated performance indicators.

Perhaps British vice-chancellors, and British ministers, should look to Australia more for advice on managing quality and less for self-serving examples of how to charge students — and get away with it.

PETER SCOTT

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How learned is my valley



Where once there were pits and little sign of higher education, there are now university courses to be had

> A community university is soon to open in Welsh mining country

Britain's first community university opens its doors next month. Designed to bring degree courses direct to communities with little experience of higher education, it is the result of a partnership between community groups in Dulais valley, West Glamorgan, and University College Swansea.

The project is the crowning touch of years of collaboration between Swansea's Department of Adult Continuing Education and the surrounding former mining valleys. Pit closures in the 1980s led locals to demand more education and training. Swansea stepped in with day release, vocational and technology courses.

The closure of Blaennant — the last pit in the Dulais valley — in 1990 resulted in Swansea establishing higher education access courses in the area. The next stage was to introduce degree courses, and from this term the community university will offer part-time BA courses.

"Two hundred thousand pounds from the European Community enabled us to convert and equip the Banwen community centre," says Professor Hywel Francis, Swansea's director of continuing adult education. "It now has classrooms, a library, a computer laboratory and crèche facilities. And we have a minibus to bring students in from outlying villages.

"Unlike traditional university campuses, which can be large and intimidating, the centre is small, intimate, and most important of all, easily accessible to local people."

This is a vital ingredient, according to Wendy Headon, one of 20 students about to embark on the humanities degree course.

"As a mother of young children I couldn't travel 20 miles to Swansea every day. But here at Banwen there are childcare facilities. It means I can safely leave my 16-month-old baby while I study.

"I left school more than 20 years ago, and I have never heard of mature students. But when told about this course I realised that it was tailor-made for me. And it should even give me a better chance of finding work later on."

As the wife of a former Blaennant miner, Mrs Headon will receive a grant from the coal industry's welfare organisation to cover her course fees.

Swansea charges £220 a year, reduced to £110 for unemployed people. Anyone experiencing severe financial hardship will have their costs covered by a Swansea bursary. "We don't want to exclude anyone on financial grounds," Professor Francis says.

There are no entry qualifications, but the students who range in age from mid-twenties to late sixties must show commitment and enthusiasm. Study skills, such as essay writing and exam technique, will be covered during the course.

The curriculum focuses on three areas — modern European studies, modern Welsh studies and environmental studies. Students choose any two to study during the first year. Each course comprises 60 lectures and seminars over 24 weeks and assessment is by means of a final examination (which will account for 60 per cent of the marks) and course work essays.

Successful completion leads to an Open University-style credit, ten of which over five years will give the student an ordinary degree. A further two credits are required for an honours qualification.

This year's course will be taught wholly by staff from Swansea's adult continuing education department. But next year, Professor Francis hopes that Swansea's law and science departments will become involved to enable the community university to offer more vocationally oriented courses.

He regards the community university as repaying the debt that the University of Wales owes to the principality's people. The university's first constituent college, Aberystwyth, was partially financed by the pennies of the poor.

For Professor Francis, the Dulais project is only the beginning. Providing the support is forthcoming from South Wales's other university institutions, Cardiff and Glamorgan, he envisages that community university courses could spring up across the region.

In the longer term, they could also emerge wherever people feel that they want, and deserve, an educational second chance.

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MBA DEGREES

Applications for courses are falling, but those offering them are still optimistic. **John O'Leary** reports

End of the boom times?

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MBA course students at Bradford take a break in the canteen during business study lectures

Business schools are weathering their own recession with greater ease than many had predicted, but the end is not yet in sight. Even an average fall in new enrolments to master of business administration courses of 9 per cent was a relief to some schools last year, although demand held up on several of the leading programmes.

Some, such as the London Business School, are bucking the trend and exceeding their recruitment targets. More than 180 students will join the LBS two-year course next month, despite a firm decision not to let entry requirements slip if demand for places slackened.

The school admits it was a close-run thing. Mary Ann Waikart, associate dean of the full-time MBA programme, says: "In common with some other European schools, we had a lot of very good applicants who emerged in May, much later than usual, which was great, but we never want to go through it again."

Many others, however, are still struggling to fill their places. Although the full picture will not emerge until October, applications for the loans scheme run by the Association of MBAs (AMBA) — usually a reliable indicator of demand — are down by a third on the same point in 1992. Surprisingly, the most serious decline last year was in distance-learning courses, although the 14 per cent drop in new enrolments may prove an overestimate. Such courses had been expected to survive the recession more easily than full-time programmes because they do not require the ultimate commitment of leaving a job.

> Graduates have a good career record

The 7.6 per cent average drop in full-time enrolments inevitably masks some much bigger shortfalls on certain MBA courses, but it is in any case more serious for most business schools because that is what produces the real income. The 5.6 per cent drop in part-time enrolments pales into insignificance by comparison.

Business academics see the process as a return to more sustainable recruitment levels, and hope for an end to the decline next year. Some also hope that the turmoil will result in mergers among the 92 business schools, many of which have sprung up in the past few years.

Brian McCormick, the director general of AMBA, says: "I would be happy if this downturn prompted some reflection on how many schools there are, how well-resourced they are, and whether there ought to be some rationalisation. Every city now has two, three or even four schools, which is simply too many."

Mr McCormick, whose members are mainly in the traditional universities, is sceptical about many of the new courses.

"It is a great temptation, when you have facilities for undergraduates, to bolt on an MBA. It can be a real cash cow if you choose to close your eyes to the differences between 18 year-old students and older managers," he says.

Some newcomers are still thriving, however. The Open University Business School, which started its distance-learning MBA in 1989, has seen numbers increase each year. The new intake is 9 per cent up on last year, and, with 20,000 registrations on all courses, the school is now training more managers than any other in Europe. The 5,000 MBA students include 622 on the Continent.

The longest-established schools are also in a secure position. Henley Management College, for example, tends to recruit managers in their thirties, rather than the young executives who fuelled the MBA boom and who are now less ready to embark on a course. Professor Colin Carnall, Henley's director of programmes, says: "I expect that demand in the younger age group will now pick up."

For the moment, there is little sign of a shake-out among the 92 British business schools. And although the MBA may not be quite the asset it once was, the employment records of its graduates, which far outshine those for first degrees, suggest that it still carries much weight.

● *Prospective students who want more information can meet many of the leading schools' representatives at the annual reception of AMBA at the Institute of Directors in central London on October 18. Entrance is free, but limited to those who register in advance through the AMBA, at 15 Duncan Terrace, London N1 8BZ (071-837 3375), or NatWest, which sponsors the event.*

The fight for research reform

How jealously guarded traditions are preventing advancement

Re-designing MBA degrees is tough, James Schmotter, dean of the management college at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, told a conference held by Manchester Business School earlier this month.

Professor Schmotter has fingered the biggest problem facing anyone running a business school at a time when MBA degrees are subject to an unprecedented stream of criticism and abuse. As companies are restructured into inter-functional teams, so they have looked to the schools to provide managers with a broad view of business based on cross-disciplinary research.

Yet the teaching staff of many of the world's top schools have acquired their status and tenure by an in-depth knowledge of narrowly defined subjects. The doctoral system by which most business school professors achieved their chairs requires up and coming PhD students to publish scholarly articles in highly academic journals, in a language that most of us would regard as gibberish.



George Bain: battle

Attempts to write in a more accessible manner for popular management journals are not only discouraged but in some cases count against the individual's academic record.

Jealous of their specialist knowledge and secure in their tenure of employment, a hard core of faculty in all countries have thumbed their noses at the attempts directors have made to introduce curricula-based cross-disciplinary subjects and conducted a damaging rearguard campaign to maintain their specialist status.

The problem is worst in the United States, where almost all the top schools are attached to larger research-orientated universities and management has always been regarded as more of an academic discipline than in Europe.

In Europe, change has been easier. Top schools are either freestanding, like Insead and IMD, or have constitutions that make it easier for deans and directors to operate independently of their parent university, like at London Business School.

At IMD, for example, the latest curriculum changes make it easier for students to examine the same business issues — like quality assurance and global management — from a variety of different perspectives before deciding on the right course of action.

To ensure cross-disciplinary learning, modules on the programme typically culminate in a single comprehensive exercise assigned to small teams of students. The quality of the group effort is evaluated by faculty and contributes towards the award of the degree.

But the reforms have not been achieved without a fight. At London Business School, four years of hard effort by the school's principal, George Bain and its former MBA director Peter Williamson has resulted in an MBA programme every bit as cross-disciplinary and integrated as that of IMD.

New faculty and a dint of hard bargaining means that the majority of teaching staff are now behind the reforms. But when the proposals were first put before the faculty in 1989, Peter Williamson was roasted alive amid cries from a conservative hard core that academic content should not be dictated by the school's customers.

At a meeting of directors organised by the European Foundation for Management Development last year, one speaker remarked rather flippantly that managing his school's teaching staff was like taking a bunch of frisky puppies for a walk.

The outgoing director of Manchester Business School, who had just resigned in a dispute with the university authorities, was heard to mutter "puppies, hah, more like a pack of rotweillers..."

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Dr Clark Brundin (left) the director of the new business studies school at Oxford, and Dr John Hendry, director of Cambridge's MBA course

Old universities and new lessons

George Bickerstaffe looks at the new MBA courses recently launched by Oxford and Cambridge



It is no secret that Britain's two most ancient and prestigious universities have been reluctant to join the world of graduate management education.

Yet in the 1990s, Oxford and Cambridge have either launched, or are about to launch, MBA programmes. It is not a particularly auspicious time, but the truth may be that in the coming years an "Oxbridge" MBA will have plenty of appeal.

But as Oxford is first to admit, launching an MBA at this time might seem perverse. The business school MBA boom of the 1980s has turned into retrenchment. The market, particularly in Britain, is over-subscribed. Many companies continue to doubt the true value of MBA graduates.

Even so, Oxford is sure that it has something to offer. It may only have set up a School of Management in 1990, its first intake of MBA students may have to wait until 1995, but today things are different.

Most different is Clark Brundin, a director of the new School of Management Studies and a director of Templeton College. He has all the right qualifications: he has worked at Oxford before, he is a former vice-chancellor of Warwick University, which has one of the most successful business schools in Britain, and he is an American.

Mr Brundin believes that the present gloom about management education makes it exactly right to enter the field, a time of maximum opportunity.

The Oxford MBA, he says, will not be simply the provision of professional training and technical information, but a true education that focuses on inculcating approaches, strategies, frameworks of thought and habits of mind.

The programme is to last two years, but will differ from the traditional American-style programme on offer, for example, at London Business School. After a first-year "core" curriculum in Oxford, students will spend the next six months on an in-company project, preferably in a foreign country, followed by two "integrating" terms back at Oxford. All students will need to have a foreign language to graduate.

Oxford has a target of 150 students on the programme, but expects to build up to this gradually. Students from the Continent and north America will be specifically targeted.

When it launched its MBA in 1991, Cambridge opted for a radically-designed MBA programme, down-to-earth in style and relying very much on the close involvement of employers and the corporate sector. The programme has a modular "sandwich" structure. Students on the three-year (33-month) programme study three terms at Cambridge, each linked by a full year in full-time employment, though with considerable individual study programmes. In addition, between terms, students make visits to Cambridge for workshops and feedback on work experience.

Students must be sponsored by their organisations or placed with participating companies for the duration of the programme. Management education rather than management training is emphasised. There are no specialisations and there is plenty of project work.

Next year, Cambridge will launch a two-year version of the programme, with only one year back at work. The two-year programme will also be aimed at a slightly younger age group and will mix sponsored and non-sponsored students. Target numbers are 40, rising to 60.

The Oxford MBA is an unknown quantity and the Cambridge version is yet to launch its graduates on the world. Yet, in arriving late on the scene, the two new schools from ancient universities have had time to learn the lessons of the past.

What is certain is that as long as MBA degrees are awarded, one from either will carry clout.

● *The author is editor of* Which MBA? *published by the Economist Intelligence Unit.*

Many managers take courses and continue working

Full-time effort by part-time students

With unemployment still stubbornly stalking the land, fewer middle managers appear prepared to make the giant leap of faith and courage required to embark on a full-time MBA course.

Apart from a personal financial commitment of up to £20,000, the cold economic climate means fewer people are willing to walk out of secure employment in the hope that after two years of intense study companies will be queuing up to embrace their greatly enhanced skills and knowledge.

Instead, an increasing number are becoming attracted to the advantages of seeking company backing to study for their MBA qualifications part-time.

The trend — coupled with the continuing recession and a feeling there may now be more business schools than the market can sustain (92 compared with 47 six years ago) — is causing many schools to retrench and to re-think their strategies.

Increasingly, some important schools have restructured their part-time programmes to ensure that students spend more time together and with tutors in the classroom. This is particularly true of colleges which attract managers from a fairly wide geographical area.

Professor Colin Carnall, director of programmes at Henley Management College, says it was a "hard reality" that getting part-time students together for one day or an evening a week was unsatisfactory.

He says: "We are restructuring because the more complex teaching is turned into actions not easily dealt with in a day. It might take you two hours to get a team to a point where it started to talk about team issues, then you have to break up the team before it can start debating the issues. We don't believe that running a one day a week part-time programme is sensible in those contexts.

"For that reason, we are moving to a combination of two and three-day workshops and one-week periods of study, linked with distance-learning project work."

> Work at home takes 15 hours a week

Henley is also finding increasing popularity with employers for its consortium diploma, where up to 30 people from different companies, who have not necessarily committed themselves to gaining a full MBA, meet in week-long workshops to enhance their knowledge.

At Ashridge a new two-year part-time programme will include residential two-week programmes and further one-week modules where students will work on projects to benefit their companies.

Manchester Business School is heavily involved in part-time courses and students committing themselves for three years are expected to attend day release courses for 32 Fridays a year.

Andrew Dyson, the director of post-graduate administration says the courses mirror the full-time programme and are not an easy option. To keep up their course work, students can expect to work at home for up to 15 hours a week.

At Manchester, a majority of the part-time students are sponsored to some degree. Professor Dyson says most of them approach their companies for backing.

At Warwick Business School, Elizabeth Ballantine, who manages the part-time MBA programme, says an increasing number of better managed large companies, including Jaguar and Rover, recognise that part-time MBA courses equate with "putting a continuous input into the company skills bank."

At Warwick, the companies sponsoring MBA students are part of a steering committee which they attend once a term to help assess progress.

Scott Barratt, dean of the executive MBA programme at the London Business School, says: "Part time or full time, it is a very tough programme and we need commitment."

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A case for study in the New World

Many programmes are on offer overseas in well-established colleges

For students looking to study their MBA abroad and seeking the definitive traditional MBA "experience" there is nothing quite like an American business school that specialises in the "case method" — teaching every subject via case studies of real-life companies.

Harvard is the archetypal school, but there are others that are smaller, sometimes cheaper and a little less competitive (though often no easier to get into). Perhaps the most outstanding of these is the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration of the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville.

Though Thomas Jefferson founded the university in 1819, Darden itself is a relatively young school, founded in 1954, and was closely modelled on Harvard. By American standards the intake of about 240 is comparatively small but the workload, particularly the case method, is demanding.

Darden aims at producing all-round generalist managers rather than functional specialists and it has a reputation for a strong commitment to the promotion of business ethics. (There is a mandatory ethics class in the first year). It also has a justifiable reputation for a close community spirit.

The MBA offered at Darden is a typical American general management programme. Students take nine compulsory core courses in the first year. In the second year, there are two required courses. These are: directed study — a research project that can involve foreign travel — and strategy, leadership and change, a year-long course that includes computer simulations and outdoor "adventure" exercises. Students can choose from 60 options available in the second year.

> Students find the workload heavy

Students are divided into groups of 60 for the first semester (term), which are then shuffled for the second. Great stress is laid on small study groups.

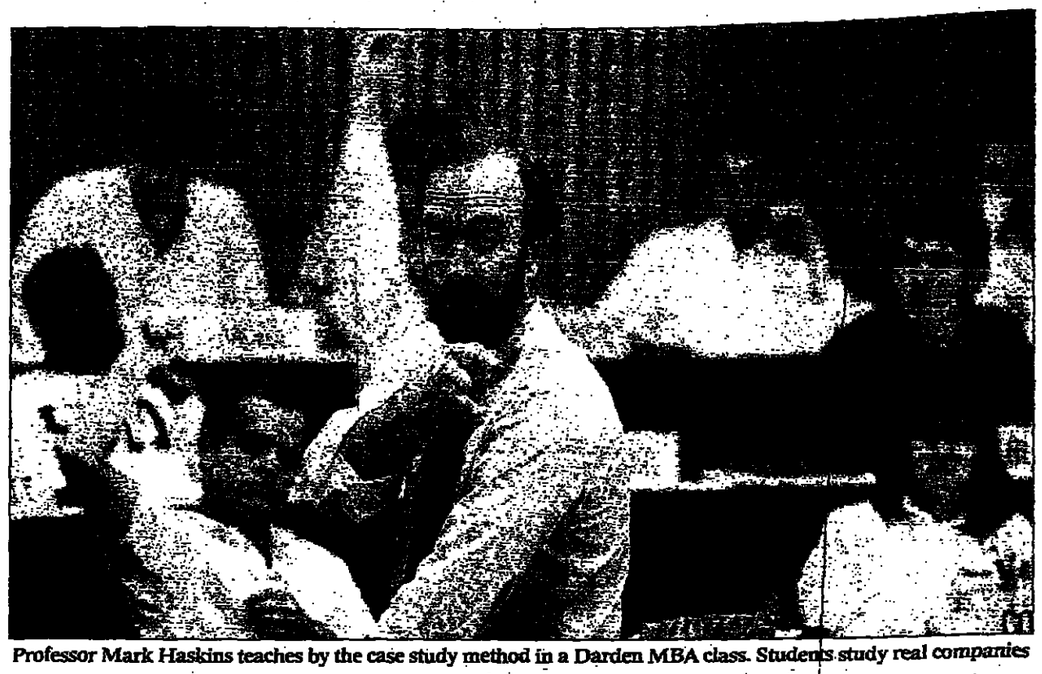
Like many American schools, Darden is rapidly becoming international in its programme and its approach. Fifteen per cent of students come from outside the US and more than half of the faculty has taught abroad. The programme offers almost every student the chance to spend time abroad.

There is little doubt that students at Darden find the workload heavy, especially in the first few months. They may have to prepare and discuss as many as 14 case studies each week. But most appear to thrive on the diet and to be enthusiastic supporters of the regimen.

The university sprawls across the whole of Charlottesville. The Darden School is functional rather than beautiful, and is cramped. New facilities are being built. There is a good 75,000-volume library, a computer network and on-campus restaurants and coffee bars. Housing is both on and off-campus and can be expensive. Tuition and fees for 1993-1994 are $8,655 (£5,694) for residents of Virginia and $16,055 (£10,562) for others.

On October 1, Darden replaces John Rosenblum, its charismatic dean, with Leo Higdon, a global investment banking specialist from Saloman Brothers.

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Professor Mark Haskins teaches by the case study method in a Darden MBA class. Students study real companies

Emerging unscathed from merger

Michel Syrett on one of Europe's premier schools

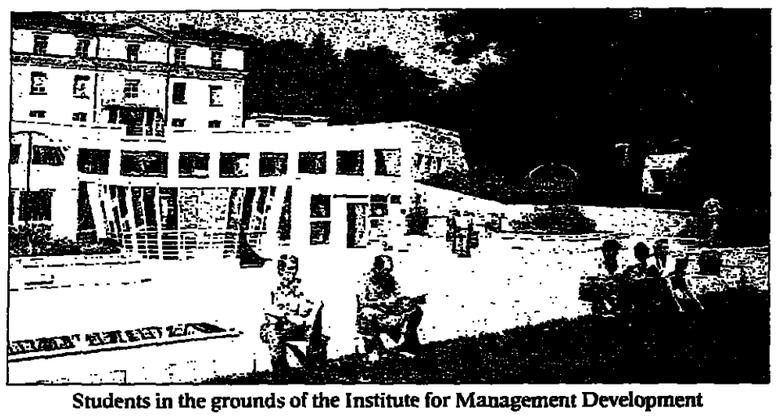
Business schools are like any other organisation. Subject them to commercial pressure and they will behave in exactly the same way as the companies they advise.

So when, in 1989, two company-sponsored schools which had previously been fierce competitors, IMI in Geneva and IMEDE in Lausanne, decided to merge, it was never going to be an easy exercise.

The new school, now called IMD (Institute for Management Development), has just gone through 18 months in limbo. Now IMD is back with a vengeance under a new president, Peter Lorange.

Professor Lorange ought to know about sticky mergers. Strategic alliances is one of his principal fields of academic interest.

Professor Lorange's arrival has gone hand in hand with reforms to the curriculum. A new modular approach enables participants to study the same business issues — such as quality assurance and global management — from a variety of perspectives before deciding on the right action.



Students in the grounds of the Institute for Management Development

Team working, communication, negotiation and conflict resolution are priorities. To ensure cross-disciplinary learning, modules on the programme culminate in a single comprehensive exercise assigned to small teams of students. Some of the projects selected by students can be far from the norm. In the last year, groups of participants have designed a crèche for working mothers, climbed Mount Blanc and published a book about studying at IMD, but in Japanese.

Professor Lorange sees MBA programmes helping companies deal with the management implications of being leaner, rather than feeding the recruitment needs of management consultants and financial houses.

"The consequence of all the de-layering is that people reach general management positions at a far earlier age," he says. "MBA education allows them to make the leap, but only if it is seen as the foundation for a much longer process of continuous education, in which we will, hopefully, play a role."

Professor Lorange also argues that the backlash against MBA education is partly the fault of leading business schools which fuelled, or at least failed to dampen, over-adulatory press coverage in the 1980s that encouraged prospective students to think that an MBA was a passport to promotion and a fat salary.

"A lot of people chose to study for an MBA because they thought there was something wrong with their career and two years at a business school would be a cure-all. Because participants were encouraged to take this attitude, there was bound to be the kind of questioning we read now."

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Asia's tigers ready to bite

The Pacific Rim is a growth area for MBA courses

New "tiger" economies in Asia, such as Malaysia's, are likely to dominate world trade in the 21st century — a prospect made more likely by the Asia Free Trade Agreement.

For this reason, a growing number of Western managers may decide to work and study in Asia. Students taking this option will have no trouble finding schools offering MBA programmes. Demand for the qualification has soared in recent years and has now reached the levels experienced by the West in the boom years of the mid-1980s. In Hong Kong, for example, the number of MBA programmes has increased from three or four in 1986 to more than 40 today.

The best schools to consider are those developing a "pan-region" perspective. Hong Kong schools are a good starting point. The colony still has a thriving Western community and the culture shock of living and working in the Territory is not as great as in other countries.

The three best institutions are the Chinese University of Hong Kong (over-academic but with well-established alumni and foreign exchange schemes), the University of Hong Kong Business School (more Western and cross-cultural but with limited resources and no accommodation) and the newly-launched school at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (US in approach — the MBA was started in conjunction with the UCLA).

Elsewhere in Asia, the two schools with the most claim to being pan-regional are the National University of Singapore and the Asian Institute of Management in Manila.

Anyone considering Asian schools has to make a trade-off. All the schools listed above are well knitted into the local business community. Programme fees are a fraction of those demanded by top Western schools.

However, few of the faculties in Asian schools have the cross-functional or cross-cultural experience needed to teach international business effectively.

An alternative option is to take a distance-learning MBA offered by the many European schools that see Asia as a growing market. Even more care needs to be exercised in making the right choice. The Pacific Rim has become a breeding ground for UK schools which are failing to make any money at home because the quality of their tuition is poor.

The Association of MBAs in Britain recently issued a statement that accreditation by AMBA of a programme in the UK did *not* imply that it was taught to the same standard in other countries.

Schools with a long tradition of distance learning and a high reputation at home are the best to choose.

The third option is to study for an MBA at an Australian or New Zealand school. Australasians increasingly see themselves as part of Asia. MBA education is very popular there, and a growing number of schools are developing close links with other Asian countries.

Institutions with the closest Asian links include Griffiths University in Queensland, the Postgraduate School of Management at the University of New South Wales, the Institute of Technology (RMIT) at Melbourne, Curtin Business School in Perth, Monash Graduate School of Management in Victoria, the Bond University School of Business in Brisbane and Otago University in New Zealand, which holds the distinction of having won the international case competition for two years running.

***Further information:** Management Development Centre of Hong Kong 11/F VTC Tower, Wood Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong (010-852 835 1818). Most of the schools listed above are also detailed in the Economist Intelligence Unit guide* Which MBA?. *Copies are available from EIU, 4 Duke Street, London W1A 1DW (071-493 6711).*

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ROCK: A buoyant Madonna opens her Girlie Show world tour in London; plus, an Anglo-American double bill

Facing down her enemies

Alan Jackson on a Wembley Stadium show that should leave Madonna's reputation seriously enhanced

Midway through an evening in which she would push her body through a portfolio of infinitely more challenging positions, Madonna announced on Saturday that she was about to go down on her knees. "And I don't do that very often," she said darkly, relishing the moment. "Just ask any of my boyfriends."

This uncharacteristic and merely temporary abasement turned out to be in tribute to God, whose patience has doubtless been sorely tried during the Italian Catholic's juggernaut progress towards celebrity monsterhood. But He proved to be a good sport nonetheless by allowing the London skies to clear in time for the opening night of her new world tour. And it might well take a reputation of such divine proportions to make pop's most willing sinner genuflect. Stardom of Madonna's magnitude is achieved only as the result of a relentless determination and self-belief.

Which could explain why the sound of knives being sharpened had drowned out even the thunderous promotional noise surrounding this, an event with a title far more capricious and old-fashioned than last year's picture book, *Sex*, or musical album, *Erotica*. Prior to the arrival of the coquettish-sounding Girlie Show, a subtle whispering campaign had prepared the ground for Madonna's expensive and very public failure.

Human nature and a decade of near incessant headline-grabbing lay behind this eager cynicism, but at least the singer proved to have keen ears. Was there a geopolitical plan behind her concert itinerary, the programme wondered rhetorically? "I'm not interested in preaching to the converted," obliged Madonna in response. "I'm going to places where I have the most enemies. That's why I'm starting in London."

And she did so upon a stage-set fashioned like some giant, shabby burlesque, the ruched crimson of its curtains establishing an environment for the theatrical conceit that was to be the production's hallmark. Touching on influences running from the Crazy Horse Saloon to Le Cirque de Soleil, Studio 54 to *Les Enfants du Paradis*, she proved to have conceived a two-hour show

> Even before Madonna had arrived, the knives were out

which sustained the level of visual excitement associated with promotional videos rather than live concerts, and which did so through the sweat of an ensemble cast, not by high-tech wizardry.

And though the Girlie Show is too much Madonna to allow genuine comparisons to the old-style values of Broadway or the film musical — there's more Pellini and Bob Fosse than Fred Astaire or Busby Berkeley to the knowing, fleshy contortions of her dancers — its spirit belongs to any age more generous and opulent than our own.

So while offering us her Dietrich impersonation on a heavily accented crawl through "Like A Virgin" and Gene Kellyesque umbrella antics in the dance coda to the more recent "Rain", it was in keeping that "Express Yourself" should find Madonna and her caravan crew surging down from the stage and along its projected catwalk in a hippie frenzy to challenge Michael Bogdanov's current London revival of *Hair*.

Nor did it seem odd that she staged the malevolently erotic "Justify My Love" as if it were a scene from a deeply decadent *My Fair Lady* or the previously euphoric "Holiday" as some grey and great-coated militaristic routine: all forms of theatricality and illusion provided grist for her mill. The sheer effort taken in reviving old ghosts, then corrupting them to her will, made it irrelevant to question the absence of any convincing new persona of her own.

The most arresting moments in an otherwise hyperactive performance came when the singer allowed herself to be exposed in a manner ultimately more revealing than any choreographed pose from *Sex* or fly-on-the-wall utterance captured by *In Bed With Madonna*. "In This Life", an unhistrionic remembrance of a friend lost to Aids, found her alone on stage, her face pale and beautiful under a crop of white-blonde hair, the sudden absence of showbiz display in itself a device to underscore the poignancy of her lyric. And "Why's It So Hard", its lines hammered out with ruthless precision, emerged as the one potent display of self within an elaborate and extended homage to famous others.

"What do I have to do to be accepted, what do I have to say?" demanded Madonna, eyes narrowed to slits. "What do I have to do to be respected, how do I have to play . . .?" As its angry but ultimately life-affirming message was played out, you had to wonder along with her.



JULIAN HERBERT

Madonna at Wembley Stadium on Saturday night: burlesque, bodies and good old-fashioned production values

Feast for night howls

Smashing Pumpkins / Verve
Brixton Academy

TAKE two hyper-intense guitar bands, one British, one American. Heap generously with critical acclaim. Place together in one handy, value-for-money package and *voilà*: a night of howls, drones and feedback-enhanced whine sufficient to please all but the most hardened of the alternative rock cognoscenti.

With both groups seemingly poised near the start of a long upward career curve, it is **Smashing Pumpkins** with their second album, *Siamese Dream*, a Top 10 hit both here and in America, who have actually delivered something more than great promise. The four-piece from Chicago, led by singer and guitarist Billy Corgan, quickly revealed their penchant for psychotic mood swings. Playing at a volume that placed them well within the metal zone, they set off at a furious lick with "Geek U.S.A.", delivered with the sort of manic severity that Metallica used to summon.

But other numbers, including a disappointingly truncated version of "Rhinoceros", were presented with such contrasting delicacy that it could almost have been a different band playing, even if the regal looking bassist D'Arcy never turned her instrument down much below trouser-flapping level. Corgan overdid the amateur theatrics towards the end, dressing up as a clown and then launching off into a fevered monologue which ended with a bizarre snatch of "Somewhere Over The Rainbow". The ensuing finale was about as hot and friendly as a nuclear burn.

IN AMERICA, groups capable of combining such colossal aggressive energy with a sense of melodic proportion are becoming a fairly common feature of rock in the post-Nirvana era. British bands, by comparison, still tend to be more effete and self-consciously laid-back. Even so, few have shown themselves capable of marshalling the sort of dreamy, ragged sound that Verve went in for to dramatic effect earlier in the evening.

Introduced by an MC who proclaimed them "the greatest rock 'n' roll band from Wigan", the four-piece group conjured a melancholy high with opaque songs like "Slide Away" and "Virtual World", which surrendered their charms reluctantly. Frontman Richard Ashcroft, the latest in a long line of preening, scarecrow-thin singers, shimmied awkwardly about the stage. But the rest of the band were spectacularly uninteresting to watch, especially guitarist Nick McCabe, who coaxed gorgeous, shimmering wodges of sound from his instrument while exuding all the enthusiasm of a man waiting for a bus. The hypnotic spell was thus undermined by a mild torpor which even the relatively propulsive "Blue" and "Gravity Grave" could not altogether dispel.

DAVID SINCLAIR

CONCERTS

Ewing unleashes sensual gentleness

LSO / Tilson Thomas
Barbican

THE Arts Council says that the London Symphony Orchestra is the best band in London. Who are we to disagree? In the opening concert of its season, the LSO almost seemed beyond reproach.

Almost? Well, Michael Tilson Thomas never quite managed to convey the impression that the Four Sea Interludes from Britten's *Peter Grimes* are taken from an opera of high passions. The problem was not the storm finale — that hit us like a Force Ten from Dogger Bank — but rather in the curiously detached approach earlier. There were beautifully crafted sonorities, but few intimations of underlying tension.

Perhaps Tilson Thomas's mind was already in Ravel-mode, for he went on to coax the most delicate sonorities from his players in Ravel's *Shéhérazade*. Paul Edmund-Davies, the soloist in "La flûte enchantée", was in particularly subtle form. But even this ravishing playing was mere background delight. For although I have heard more lustrous accounts of the solo soprano's part, I have rarely experienced a more totally involving performance than Maria Ewing's.



Ewing: porcelain doll

G.K. Chesterton once observed that Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* has nothing to do with Japan, and everything to do with Victorian England. In a similar way, Ravel's song-cycle ostensibly hymns the myriad exoticisms of Asia, when it is really celebrating the classic French temperament with its perfect balance between poise and sensuality. It was this Gallic equilibrium that Ewing — arms extended like some fragile porcelain doll — so beautifully captured.

Moreover, she handled the French text intelligently, sweeping up whole sentences in rapid, conversational style, then pouncing powerfully on some key phrase. And in the final "L'indifférent" she cut back to a beguiling gentleness, the voice unrecognisable from the histrionic instrument she usually unleashes in opera. Ewing cannot always be admired, but she can never be ignored.

The LSO's programme-note suggested that Nielsen's Fifth Symphony might be "the greatest of 20th-century symphonies". That is a big claim: Elgar, Mahler, Shostakovich and Sibelius wrote some pretty good ones. Few symphonies, however, have such overt drama as Nielsen's Fifth. Its anarchic side-drum part wrecks all normal symphonic progress, just as the first world war (three years earlier) had destroyed all normality in European life.

Neil Percy, the LSO's principal percussionist, made a brilliant fist of this unique solo. But that was just one of many things to admire in a massively strong performance. In this form, the LSO deserves its special status.

RICHARD MORRISON

TELEVISION REVIEW

Film-makers on auto

Made in the USA
Channel 4

AT THE moment it seems there are two ways to present TV documentaries about cinema. You peg your material to a written commentary, and hire Lindsay Anderson to declaim it in the voice of a Latin teacher reaching the end of a trying term. This is the approach of *D.W. Griffith: Father of Film*. Or you ditch the omnipotent narrator, switch on to autopilot, and let the interviewees' responses carry forward the argument.

Paul Joyce and Chris Rodley's *Made in the USA*, assembled to herald Channel 4's season of independent American films, took the latter route, with largely disappointing results. One second, there was Quentin Tarantino of *Reservoir Dogs* rattling away, lurching forward, waving his hands. The next, we were listening to David Lynch, looking and sounding like a trendy vicar strung out on helium, or Jim Jarmusch, grey hair shooting upwards, or Allison Landers (*Gas Food Lodging*), lolling on a sofa with rather too much lipstick on. And so it went: an hour and a half of juggled talking heads, interspersed with clips, not always well chosen.

Their talk was amusing moment by moment, though difficult to assimilate overall. They related shared experiences of low-level funding and Hollywood's poaching of adventurous material, though what hit home most were the opinions that clashed. When Steven Soderbergh and his lead actress Andie MacDowell talked about *sex, lies & videotape* (screened in full last night), they were describing a talisman of American independent film-making. But to Jim Jarmusch, Soderbergh's study of human desires obviously seemed a Hollywood sheep in wolf's clothing. Jon Jost — a maverick figure, more underground than independent — thought much the same about the entire Sundance Film Festival, the Utah event that brought Soderbergh's first feature to prominence.

Since Rodley and Joyce's guests had differing notions of what constituted an independent film, it would have helped if someone had established a few ground rules or sketched a little history. But this being a documentary on autopilot, there was no Lindsay Anderson to outline the various fashions since John Cassavetes's *Shadows* broke new ground for American narrative cinema in 1959. Indeed, judging by *Made in the USA*, American independent film-making hardly stretched further than 1979 and *Return of the Secaucus Seven*, whose director, John Sayles, was one of the significant absentees, along with Spike Lee.

We were left to snatch our entertainment and edification where we could. It was amusing, for instance, that these film-makers so often resembled their own creations. The director of the blood-soaked *Reservoir Dogs* appeared dangerously obsessed; Hal Hartley looked as cool and dapper as *The Unbelievable Truth*; and David Lynch's hair approached *Eraserhead* proportions. Slim pickings, though, for a 90-minute documentary.

GEOFF BROWN

No score, skilled result

LPO / Skrowaczewski
Festival Hall

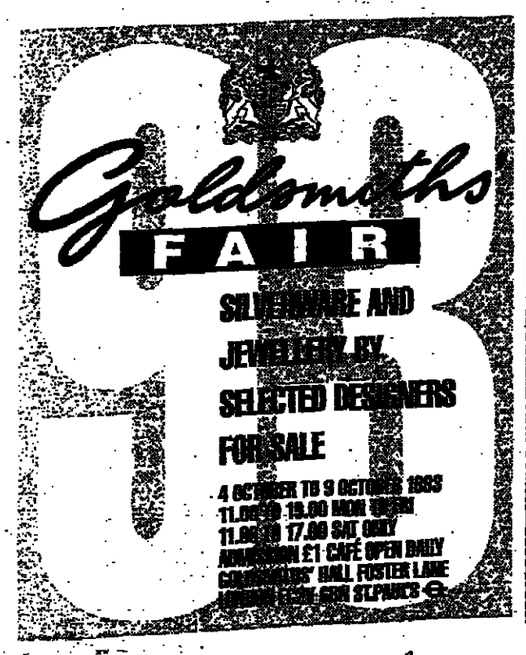
HAVING been deprived of its principal conductor, Franz Welser-Möst (a victim of appendicitis earlier this month), the London Philharmonic could count itself fortunate to secure in his place Stanislaw Skrowaczewski to conduct the opening concert of its South Bank season with no change of programme. Skrowaczewski's reputation here derives mainly from his seven years until 1991 in charge of the Hallé Orchestra, and London has been slow to recognise his skill.

Here he conducted an LPO at rather more than full strength for the vast range of dynamics and contrasts that make up the colourful panoply of *Also sprach Zarathustra*. He had no score in front of him, yet his unerring sense of its content and balance was put to convincing effect in a virtuoso performance of brilliance and sensitivity.

It was prefaced by the surprising insertion of a short excerpt from Sir Harrison Birtwistle's *Verses for Ensemble*, with the composer conducting in celebration, we were told, of his appointment as the LPO's composer-in-residence. Its blocks of hard-edged sound from no more than 15 wind and percussion players were performed with fierce conviction.

Cecile Ousset was the soloist in Ravel's G major Piano Concerto. At first she bestowed in it more beefy vigour than charm, but subsequently found more tenderness at the heart of the work, and ended with dexterous clarity. The orchestral playing was distinguished by its delicate translucency.

NOEL GOODWIN





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LONDON

WALLENSTEIN: Tim Albery's directing debut for the RSC in Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt. Ken Bones plays the great general.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm

LA BOHEME: Music director Sian Edwards conducts this well-received first new production from ENO's new management. Stephen Pimlott directs with designs by Tobias Hoheisel. The cast includes the American soprano Roberta Alexander, making her house debut, as well as John Hudson, Jason Howard, Cheryl Barker and Andrew Slater. Audio-described performance.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The season opens with the first of five concerts conducted by Andrew Davis in a series titled "Strauss and Stravinsky". Tonight offers a rare opportunity to hear a concert performance of Strauss's opera **Daphne**. The orchestra is joined by the BBC Symphony Chorus. Janice Watson sings the title role.
Festival Hall South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

BOLSHOI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Its current tour of Britain brings the orchestra to London for one night. Conductor is Alexander Lazarev with Dmitri Alexeev on the piano. On the programme are Tchaikovsky (Suite from Sleeping Beauty), Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor) and Shostakovich (Symphony No 8 in C minor)
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

CHICO FREEMAN: A bracing performance can be expected from this Chicago-born tenor saxophonist appearing here in a quintet featuring the alto-saxophonist, Arthur Blythe.
Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747), 8.30pm

ELSEWHERE

SHEFFIELD: Christopher Gable turns his hand to choreography for the first time with a production of **Cinderella** "much closer to the original concept than any version currently being seen on the pantomime stage or anywhere else". Gable has commissioned new music from Philip Feeney; designer Tim Hatley has played down the over-exaggerated costumes of pantomime. The world premiere is being presented by Northern Ballet Theatre.
Lyceum Theatre, Norfolk Street, (0742 769922), 7.45pm

LEEDS: Hot on the heels of ENO's new production of Puccini's tearjerker, comes a revival of Phyllida Lloyd's acclaimed staging of **La Bohème** for Opera North. Stefano Ranzani conducts a cast including Juliet Booth and Janis Kelly.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, (0532 459351/440971), 7.15pm.

BIRMINGHAM. Marcus D'Amico, Barry Stanton and newcomer Sandra Reinton enjoy three acts of frustration, mostly sexual, in Graeme Messer's production of **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.**
Old Rep Theatre, Station Street (021-616 1519), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR:** This play completes David Hare's "state of the nation" trilogy. John Thaw plays the power-hungry Labour Party leader.
National (Olivier), Southbank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews tonight, tomorrow and Thurs, 7.15pm. Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 2, as third part of all-day performance of the trilogy.

◩ **CAROUSEL.** Tuneful Rodgers and Hammerstein musical has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin. Clever sets.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the Seventies, the soul and the funk, given a Faustian storyline to link the songs. Moneyspinning compilation musical from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, 6pm, 9pm, Sat, 5pm, 8pm

□ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in John Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 190mins

◩ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs. 3pm and Sat. 5pm.

◩ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30 pm, mats Thurs. 3pm and Sat. 4pm.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat. 3pm. 150mins

◩ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins

□ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julia Bardsley begins the new regime here with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller.
Young Vic, 60 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat. 2.30pm and some Weds

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays. Starring Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Weds, 2.30pm, Sats 4pm

□ **TRAVESTIES:** Tom Stoppard's dazzling word-spinner revived with Antony Sher as the aged consul.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) .. ◩ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) .. □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) □ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . □ **The Woman in Black:** (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BOILING POINT (15). Treasury agent Wesley Snipes versus red-haired villain Dennis Hopper. Despite the talent, it never even simmers. Director, James B Harris.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones, director, Andrew Davis.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

IN THE SOUP (15): Gangster (Seymour Cassel) bankrolls an aspiring film-maker (Steve Buscemi). Zany, joyous comedy from American independent Alexandre Rockwell.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

ROADSIDE PROPHETS (15): Counter-culture odyssey trapped in a time warp, with punk rocker John Doe, Beastie Boy Adam Horovitz, and 1960s luminaries in cameo roles. Writer-director, Abbe Wool.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CRUSH** (15): Psychopathic Lolita ensnares naive reporter. Good-looking but redundant potboiler, with Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone. Director, Alan Shapiro.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

◆ **THE FIRM** (15): Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris. Sydney Pollack directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **IN THE LINE OF FIRE** (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

◆ **THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET** (15): Romantic mix-ups in a time-shared New York apartment. Endearing comedy with Matthew Broderick, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15): Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (18): Tina Turner's life story. Powerful acting from Angela Bassett and Laurence Fishburne redeem the cliches.
Electric (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THEATRE: Hits from the Edinburgh Festival and Hampstead transfer to West End stages

Nasty, brutish . . . and hilarious

The Life of Stuff
Donmar Warehouse

BREATHING heavily, the facially challenged Glasgow hood seized a half-naked young man by the throat. Then he grabbed an electric drill from his holster and aimed it at his victim's forehead.

And what was yours truly doing while this variation on *Exterminator Four* or *Terminator Six* bloodily unfolded? Mentally preparing a magisterial plea for the return of the Lord Chamberlain, and/or the introduction of cinema-style categories and controls? Not at all. I was laughing fit to bust, or at least to re-open my appendix scar.

Either I, who never had much of a taste for sick humour, have gone dangerously insane, or Simon Donald has written a most original black comedy. If the former is true, I can only say that plenty of others seem to have succumbed to the same madness. *The Life of Stuff* was the hit of the 1992 Edinburgh Festival, and here it is again, belatedly served up to an appreciative London audience by the theatre's latest enfant terrible, Matthew Warchus. On the evidence of his sharp, sly production, what we have here is a blend of *The Long Good Friday* and *The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight* jointly written by Ed McBain, Joe Orton and the David Mamet of *American Buffalo*.

The setting is a grotty warehouse that a minor racketeer, Willie Dobie, and his sidekick, the frightening Arbogast, propose to turn into a nice, gaudy nightclub. Upstairs, dim girls meander about in search of drugs. In the basement, an apprentice criminal called Fraser hovers over a pail, feverishly lopping off bits of his hair.

He has, it seems, just set fire to one of Dobie's vans for the insurance money, and plans to spend the pay-off by jetting in disguise to Ibiza to become a flamenco dancer. What he only now discovers is that a rival nightclub owner, Mad Alex Snedden, was lying stunned in the back of the vehicle when it went up in flames.

DONALD COOPER



Gripping stuff: Sean Scanlan's "grim" Arbogast with Douglas Henshall's "swaggering, blustering" Dobie

That is enough to send events spiralling out of the characters' already very limited control. Sean Scanlan's grim Arbogast puts a hit out on Forbes Masson's flustered Fraser, and Douglas Henshall's swaggering, blustering Dobie ("trust, compassion, integrity, nitroglycerine, those are the things that matter") responds by putting another on Arbogast. And into the fray comes the man with the Black and Decker, Stuart McQuarrie's dopily psychotic Leonard, moaning about the eczema he attributes to being the only member of his family not afflicted with Tourette's Syndrome, which (they tell me) is a compulsion to use obscenities.

This is a world in which the outrageous and the downbeat, the tense and the banal, drolly cohabit. "It's a bit, um, chewy," says a girl pothead, nibbling at what *she thinks* is an exotic sausage from Marks and Spencer and is actually the severed toe of a drug-manufacturer who has displeased Dobie. And when a girl mourns her failure to have attracted Mad Alex into her bed, Fraser is all earnest boy-next-door reassurance: "I'm sure you would have done if I hadn't burnt him to death". Should I really have laughed so much at Donald's hapless, helpless toughs? I only know I did so.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Homage paid to saintly suffering



Phyllis Logan gives an excellent, taut performance playing Lee

Marvin's Room
Comedy

THE latest of many plays to make the journey down from Hampstead Theatre to the West End is this subtle, sensitive play by Scott McPherson telling us how good it is to be good. Nobly decent characters are seldom given a chance to reveal themselves in plays. The Devil is said to have the best tunes, and is normally allowed the best lines as well, so where would be the interest in someone like Bessie?

Unmarried and middle-aged, she has devoted her life to looking after her crippled, soap-addict Aunt Ruth (Carmel McSharry) and a bedridden father, the Marvin of the title, whose outline can be faintly seen through the clouded glass wall at the rear of Linda Buchanan's set. When Bessie finds herself mortally ill with leukaemia her estranged sister Lee is brought down from her cosmetology class in Ohio, together with her two teenage sons, in the hope that one of them can provide the necessary bone marrow.

What follows is a predictable growth of compassion in the brash, insensitive Lee — an excellently taut performance from Phyllis Logan — and an equally predictable bond of trust forming between her arsonist son Hank, whom she alternately bullies and ignores, and his newly discovered Aunt Bessie. But while the outcome can be predicted, McPherson reaches it by way of astringent writing that manages to avoid the trap of sentimentality until the last few moments.

He does this through an alert understanding of the false assurances people find themselves making when someone is dying; and through comedy. But the one-liners issue from character, and whether prompted by unthinking lack of tact ("Can I go and watch Grandpa breathe?"), or relying on bizarre inventiveness, they do not treacle over the seriousness of Bessie's plight.

On an outing to Disney World she collapses and comes to her senses on the Baby Bear bed in the Lost Children's Hut. This is ridiculous and we laugh, but the author nimbly turns our emotions by making the fake childhood setting the place where the two sisters bridge the years of separation.

The play's best scenes are those where characters gingerly approach each other like this. Alison Steadman's Bessie shows her undemanding love for Aidan Gillen's distressed Hank (good performance) in two scenes of a rare delicacy of feeling; and in two other scenes, each of barely half a dozen lines, the relationship between the two young brothers is drawn with a similar vivid economy.

In David Petrarca's fluent production, Steadman's performance, so true in the quiet duologues, is less persuasive in the shriller domestic scenes — and the author gives her insufficient grounds for the final optimism. But the overall effect of this involving play is generous and uplifting.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Long dark night of the soul

Waite brought his captivity upon himself. **Ian Robertson** discovers how he coped with this knowledge, alone and in chains

TAKEN ON TRUST
By Terry Waite
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

For four solitary years, Terry Waite sat chained to a wall in the blackness of a Beirut cell. With nothing to occupy his mind but his own being, he was confronted with his vanity and self-deception in a manner that few of us could survive. That he did apparently survive so well compounds the difficulty of making sense of the man behind this book.

For the psychology of this man's self-deception, vanity, naivety — and personal courage — is all that is of interest about *Taken on Trust*. He answers the many relevant political questions with a resounding silence. And while his pre-Lebanon CV reads like a Jules Verne novel, there is a strange absence at the centre of this fascinating world itinerary.

Good travel books and autobiographies have in common the sense of two journeys unfolding: one over land and sea, the other inside the traveller. Until he was pushed into a white-tiled cell in Beirut, there is no sign of an internal journey for Waite; hence the absence at the heart of almost everything he writes about himself before he was kidnapped.

Waite has admitted feeling a sense of relief when the cell door closed on him on that morning in January, 1987. His flight to Beirut was the doomed journey of a desperate and exhausted man: he left home that morning without waking his wife or children to say farewell, in spite of having been warned by many that the journey was suicidal.

Waite says that the first he knew of the Iran-Contra affair was at the US Airforce base in Wiesbaden, during the release of hostage David Jacobsen in November 1986. But according to the journalist Robert Fisk, several months before that, Waite had exclaimed "So you know about that!" when Fisk had told him about mysterious arms shipments from Israel to Iran. For a man whose ego is based upon — by his own admission — "a childish craving for approval and acceptance" — the collapse of his saintly public image was a kind of death sentence. Hence a flight to Beirut which he well knew to be doomed and that sense of relief when the cell door closed.

One of Waite's childhood recollections is of innocently running after some boys who have just been up to some mischief. His father, the village policeman, finds out and interrogates the young Waite: "The whole evening dissolved into a confused blur. I certainly couldn't explain why I had been running with the others ... I was too bewildered to know. What was the truth?"

Forty years on, he finds it similarly difficult to say why he was running with the others, and he admits to yet more amnesia for events leading up to and surrounding his imprisonment. After his first meeting with Terry Anderson's kidnappers, 14 months before he himself was taken hostage, Waite returned to Anderson's apartment where Robert Fisk was waiting, clutching one-hour-old photographs of the American hostages and saying that he had met Anderson, Jenco, Jacobsen and Sutherland briefly. Yet in *Taken on Trust* he reports that he never actually met the hostages. It is because of discrepancies such as these that much of this book cannot be taken at face value.

But if it is the case that Waite is simply a media-junkie driven by a pathetic craving for attention and approval, how on earth did he survive four years in solitary confinement, much of the time chained hand and foot in the foetal position in total darkness, near-suffocating with severe asthma? The answer must be that there is more to the man than this. Our dismay at his foolhardy last trip to Beirut, with its consequent danger and distress for many other people, must be balanced with an admiration for his considerable courage and genuine altruism.

Each Lebanese hostage found his own way of coping with the hell he had to endure. John McCarthy survived by investing all of himself in relationships with fellow-hostages. Brian Keenan would stand up to the guards so as to capture the initiative and assert his own identity and not succumb to helplessness. He also became a detached observer of his own mental processes and thus freed himself from hallucinations. One consequence was the finest book about imprisonment in recent years, *An Evil Cradling*.

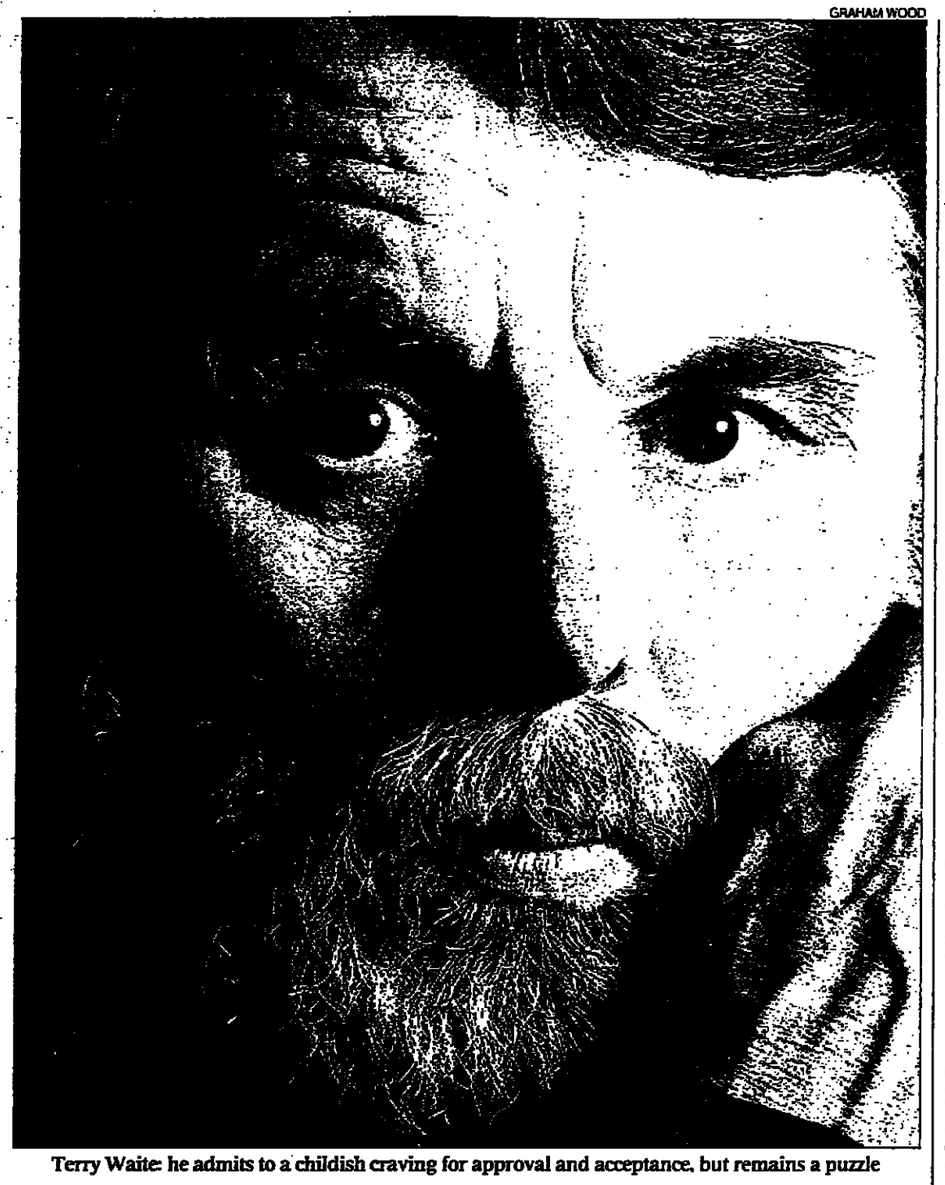
Waite's was the hardest path, however — one of lonely dialogue with himself. He had stopped running and many things caught up with him: the guilt of a neglected wife and children, for instance. Even when Waite finally moved into a cell with McCarthy, Anderson and Sutherland, he was alone. His relationship remained primarily with himself — he was yet to liberate himself from the self-regard which was both his downfall and his saviour. Tom Sutherland hates him still, but McCarthy, characteristically, understands that Waite, having chosen the most difficult route, is still not free of the chains and darkness.

But the puzzle of the man remains. Waite is not stupid. Nor is he a callous psychopath out only for his own gain: his early work with the Iranian and Libyan hostages brought well-deserved credit. And furthermore he appears to believe himself when he protests his ignorance of all the sordid events which provided the background for his Lebanese adventure. He is a man with a deep inner strength, but that strength seems at times to be half-blind, and the emotion in this story of his life is consequently blunted. He describes personally sawing off the gangrenous arm of a Filipino fisherman in a missionary hospital in precisely the same parish-gossip style as he does having tea with Archbishop Runcie.

This image of half-empty strength and objectless faith pervades the book. Believing himself about to be executed, he is allowed one letter. He addresses it first to his archbishop, only secondly to his wife and family, who are as absent from the book as is the real Terry Waite.

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GRAHAM WOOD



Terry Waite: he admits to a childish craving for approval and acceptance, but remains a puzzle

Samson of the theatre

Nicholas Wapshott

MAKING AN EXHIBITION OF MYSELF
The Autobiography of Peter Hall
Sinclair-Stevenson, £20

What would the French have made of Peter Hall? On the face of it he has all the qualities required of a Gallic national hero. He has risen from humble origins, the sole child of a Suffolk railwayman, to transform his nation's cultural life. Both the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Royal National Theatre, massive artistic institutions backed by huge state subsidies, in the French style, are indelible monuments to his administrative and political genius.

He is a gifted producer and director of plays, coaxing new works from England's most distinguished dramatists, while, *en passant*, brilliantly turning his hand to directing operas and films. True, he is no writer. There are no plays, no novels. His published diaries and, in the light of them, this largely tautologous autobiography are written in the sparsest prose, without colour or pretension.

But the French would surely forgive this omission for his devotion to beautiful women: Hall, the serial husband, has played out in public his four often stormy marriages to women of gaminesque beauty, allowing the public to watch the dramas as if from the front of the stalls. Yes, the French would have loved Peter Hall.

He has largely worked, however, in Britain, a country which this weary account confirms as philistine, carping, ungrateful and envious. It did not always seem so to Hall, whose idealism and capacity for hard work can blind him to the true nature of his fellow countrymen and the spitefulness of his colleagues. Nor is it in Hall's nature to complain. He might often have been anxious, beleaguered and, with justification, paranoid, but rarely lashes out at those who have tried to thwart him.

John Osborne, by withdrawing the rights to a revival of *The Entertainer* at the last minute, could not resist pulling the trigger when he found Hall, Joan Plowright and the National all in his sights, yet, Hall can only bring himself to say that the Shropshire curmudgeon has always been charming to him in person. The same applies to Michael Blakemore, who attempted a coup against him at the National, and Jonathan Miller. Hall refuses to be drawn into their abuse or address why they so detested him.

Hall has also suffered as the political *zeitgeist* turned against him. While he converted from a would-be Labour politician to, in 1979, a Tory voter, he was still shocked by the ferocity of the Thatcherite assaults upon state funding of the arts and, because he personified the subsidised theatre, upon himself. The famous attack upon his personal finances by *The Sunday Times* was little more than a bilious blast against state subsidies in general, but it was so personal and caustic that Hall may be forgiven for taking it as an attempt at character assassination pure and simple.

His reasoning in favour of subsidies is still baffling, even for those sympathetic to economic intervention. He argues that while it is fine for experimental works to be sponsored by commercial interests, the mainstream repertory of the National should be funded solely by state grants, even when it is producing lavish shows which are so well targeted at the marketplace that they quickly transfer to the West End.

But this is by the way. At his worst, Hall created a form of theatre which causes audiences to applaud the sumptuous sets, but this is a small price for the wonders he has brought to Stratford, the Aldwych, the National, Glyndebourne and elsewhere. He, more than Peter Brook,



Peter Hall in 1958, photo by Anthony Armstrong-Jones

Trevor Nunn and the rest, has pegged the standards of British theatre production. In this insufficient volume, Hall can do little more than parade the plays and nod towards the actors who have benefited from the climate he created.

And throughout he has endured the persistent ignorance of the English so clearly represented by Mrs Thatcher's backstage visit to *Amadeus*. "She couldn't think it right, she declared, that the National Theatre of Great Britain should put on a play in which Mozart uttered disgusting four-letter words ... He delighted, I said, in a bit of bawdry. The prime minister told me I was wrong — it was inconceivable that a genius who had written such elegant music would have used such inelegant language."

Devilry, grief and other grave matters

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Robert Westall, who died last April, was one of the bovver boys of older children's literature, interested in human impulses towards violence. In the murky waters of **The Wheatstone Pond** (*Viking, £8.99*) a variety of rank odours begin to surface when Wheatstone Council decide to drain the pool, which has been getting too popular among the suicidally inclined. The story is told by Jeff Morgan, a local antique dealer whose rescue of sunken motorbikes and model speedboats leads to the raising of more mysterious and lethal forces. Wheatstone, it seems, has harboured a medieval devil, only to be exorcised by Semtex and Greek fire. Like much of Westall's prolific output, this book does not respect the niceties of plotting, and makes its impact from the matter-of-fact, conversational tones in which the increasingly incredible events are described. Diabolism consorts oddly with loving descriptions of machinery and tin-plate toys, and there is a sense that Westall is trying to exorcise some devil of his own rather than the one inhabiting the story.

By contrast, Robert Cormier is a bovver boy of near-glacial temperament. He, too, is preoccupied with mankind's capacity for evil, but in his latest offering, **Tunes for Bears to Dance To** (*Gollancz, £9.99*), a novella rather than a novel, he is in a mellower frame of mind. It centres upon the troubles of Henry, a boy who, with his parents, is grieving over a glamorous elder brother, killed in a car accident. That doesn't sound very mellow — nor does the dramatic turning-point of the story, when an anti-Semitic storekeeper blackmails Henry into wrecking a model village that has been made by a Jewish wood-carver, who survived a German death-camp.



Terry Pratchett: high jinks among the tombstones

For once though, Cormier's cool contemplation of man's inhumanity is tempered by a saving hope. Henry finds strength in acknowledging his own weakness; his parents see how debilitating is the indulgence of grief; and Mr Levine, the undefeated, placidly resumes his wood-carving.

Current books for children are not always so obsessive and unsmiling as these. **The Thirteenth Owl** by Nick Warburton (*Bodley Head, £8.99*), for instance, tells how a potter's daughter brings strange comfort to the injured spirit of the local lord of the manor. The force of the story is heightened by its intentionally indeterminate period setting and also by the beautifully controlled handling of character and dialogue. A most auspicious departure for Warburton from his previous tales.

High jinks among the residents of Blackbury town cemetery follow when they learn from Johnny Maxwell that they are to be ejected in favour of an office-block. The comedy of **Johnny and the Dead** by Terry Pratchett (*Doubleday, £9.99*) swings to and fro between the "vertically disadvantaged" grave-dwellers and Johnny's reluctant school accomplices, and is all the funnier for Pratchett's lightly touched-in suggestions of larger past and present events.

The Enchanted Horse by Magdalen Nabb, (*Collins, £7.99*) is a delicately fashioned fantasy of a toy horse dragged from a junk-shop who grows real. The simplicity of the setting — on some Central European plain perhaps — gives poignancy to a story of loss, endurance, and recovery, told like a folktale. Julek Heller's pencil drawings fit perfectly.

BRIAN ALDERSON

PAPERBACKS

TROLLOPE
By Victoria Glendinning
Pimlico, £7.99

NOBODY meeting the bluff, successful author of the Barsetshire Chronicles in the mid-1800s could have guessed at the misery of his early life. Virtually ignored by both his parents in favour of his older brother, he was an outcast in the savage societies of Winchester and Harrow, a lonely, poverty-stricken, depressed adolescent and a failure when he first joined the Post Office. Glendinning's splendid biography traces the transformation of this sad hobbledehoy, as he called himself, into the boisterous but thin-skinned literary man. A seamless interweaving of the life and the writing in which each illuminates the other.

NOCTURNE
By Lisa St Aubin de Teran
Penguin, £5.99

FOR the villagers of San Severino in the years before the second world war, Maestro Rossi's travelling fair brought the promise of irresistible magic and excitement. Fifty years later an old soldier, dying at last from wartime injuries, recounts to a sensitive young conscript the story of his faithful love for Rossi's daughter Valentina, his dedicated pursuit of her along the railtracks of Italy and the hideous calamity that finally separated them. Fine evocation of daily life in Umbria past and present culminates in a searing flashback to the horrors of war.

TELLING ONLY LIES
By Jessica Mann
Arrow, £5.99

WHEN novelist Anne Medlicott appears on a television chatshow with a Jewish historian, Professor Hans Hahn, the subject turns to Nazi sympathisers in England during world war two and Anne soon finds herself unwillingly involved in a libel suit. Herself the daughter of a refugee from Hitler's Germany, she begins to investigate her own background and that of her friend Perdita, whose aristocratic father has been branded pro-Nazi. Shifting between the present day and the 1930s, *Telling Only Lies* succeeds brilliantly in combining a compelling mystery plot with emotional depth.

● *Contributors: Alison Burns, Hazel Leslie, Lucasta Miller*

A seasick subconscious

Michael Wright

A DIFFERENT SEA
By Claudio Magris
Translated by M. S. Spurr
Harvill, £12.99

Claudio Magris has translated Ibsen, Kleist and Schnitzler and lectures in the faculty of literature and philosophy at Trieste University. So perhaps it is no surprise that this little novel is so dense a web of allusion and illusion; a grand book in an unassuming package.

The story is an odyssey of sorts; a blurry journey through the life of Enrico Mreule, a drifting intellectual haunted by the sea and by the memory of his friend Carlo, a brilliant young philosopher who has blown out his brains. The sea haunts Enrico because of what it symbolises; variously life, loss of identity, freedom, shapelessness and his own seasick subconscious. Carlo haunts him because this "Buddha of the western world" set Enrico's way of living on a pedestal before he died, and the young Odysseus finds himself unable to bear the burden of such praise.

Enrico's ontological doubts and growing despair are ingeniously conveyed in the style of the novel's shifting, fluid narrative, dialogue-free, and frequent slippage between past and present, from sea to sea, and from viewpoint to viewpoint. Indeed, it gradually becomes uncertain whether Enrico can really be said to exist, even as a fictional character, such are his and the narrator's doubts.

If there is a problem here, it is that the novel almost seems to erase itself in the process of writing; "words", as Carlo puts it, "can only echo words, not life itself," and while the hall of mirrors that Magris has constructed is intellectually impressive, it does begin to resemble what Enrico describes as "the fiction of its own inexistence".

The narrative is heavily informed by the precepts of deconstruction, revealing the shifting shape of Europe over this century as a metaphor for the shifting shape of human consciousness and the mutability of all apparently fixed frontiers, boundaries and barriers. Magris makes much of Enrico's love of Greek and German in his text, and I suspect that it may work better in the lyrical Italian of the original rather than the translator's brittle English. For a book so full of the sea, this is uncannily dry.

DON'T MISS SAIGON

THE SUNDAY TIMES THE THEATRE CLUB

LONDON
Theatre Royal Drury Lane
Miss Saigon
Oct 11-12, 28 (evenings); Oct 13 (matinee)
TAKE a tour of this magnificent theatre, enjoy a two-course meal in the theatre's own restaurant and then take your seat for the smash-hit musical. The package includes top-price seats (normal price £30), a meal and the tour — all for £35. Telephone 071-494 5901.

Theatre Royal Stratford East
It's A Great Big Shame!
Oct 21-22
MEMBERS are offered £15 tickets for £8 to see Mike (*Abigail's Party, Naked*) Leigh's first production to have originated in England for five years. Telephone 081-534 0310.

Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith
The Bald Prima Donna
Oct 12-14
THE Hungarian Theatre of Cluj makes its British debut in Eugene Ionesco's play. Seats £10 (normally £13). Telephone 081-741 2311.

Cochrane Theatre
The Lion
Oct 5-8
MICHAEL Abbensetts's psychological mystery stars Emmy award-winner Madge Sinclair and Stefan Kalipha. Two £10 tickets for the price of one. Telephone 071-242 7040.

Riverside Studios
Life and Jeff: A Matter Of
Oct 10
A GALA performance by Pop-Up Theatre in aid of the British Lung Foundation. The show, preceded by a family cabaret, concerns an asthma sufferer who overcomes difficulties to achieve success. Tickets £5 (normally £15). Telephone 071-371 7704.

Fine Art and Fine Music in Birmingham
Nov 27
MORE than £100 million worth of fine art has been assembled for Britain's newest, state-of-the-art gallery; and you can attend the opening as part of a package that also includes a concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and the CBSO Chorus in Birmingham's magnificent Symphony Hall. The cost is £81.30, based on two people sharing, which also includes a night at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, dinner, and breakfast. Call 021-665 6116.

To book for any of this week's special offers telephone the Theatre Club on 071-413 1412 or call the listed number during normal office hours. You can also use the Club's booking line (071 413 1412) for West End productions and concerts, although a service charge may be levied for some shows.

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For up-to-date information on club events telephone the Theatre Club's News Information Service on 0891 555590. Calls cost 30p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p at other times.



"What is lacking is any vision or leadership"

Lord Skidelsky argues that the Government's crisis attempt to make the curriculum more manageable is no substitute for an education policy.

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Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 20. Dealings end October 1. §Contango day October 4. Settlement day October 11. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,309.60	Abbey Ntl	405	+1	11.5	3.5	15.6
1,697.70	Allied Irish	258	...	...	4.0	14.4
2,250.20	Ans New Z	172	-1	...	4.9	...
10,932.20	Bankamerica	3075†	-31½	...	...	...
1,164.00	Bk of Ireland	348	+3	...	5.0	20.0
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
1,948.80	Bank Scotland	168	+6	4.5	3.4	33.5
8,139.60	Barclays	504	-1	...	...	...
5.63	Benchmark	3½	-¼	...	...	...
6.55	Carlisle	21½	+1½	...	...	...
137.90	Cater Allen	572	-9	27.0	5.9	...
150.60	Cattles	136	-5	...	3.9	18.1
3,785.30	Chase Manh	2425†	-109½	...	...	...
8,818.40	Citicorp	2417½	+75	...	...	...
191.00	Close Bros	433	+20	11.0	3.2	...
3,057.40	Commerzbk	£123½	-62½	...	3.2	...
14,841.70	Deutsche Bk	£311½	-254½	...	1.9	...
154.90	First Nat Fin	95	+3	...	0.7	...
40,565.90	Fuji Bank Y	1401	-73	...	0.4	...
191.60	Gerrard Nat	490	+1	21.5	5.5	13.0
5,658.00	HSBC	640†	+16	19.0	3.4	16.5
11,583.80	HSBC HK	681†	+23	19.0	3.5	10.3
649.40	Hambros	370	+6	14.0	4.7	17.1
21.90	Joseph (L)	418	+10	16.6	5.0	...
22.60	King Shaxson	143	...	9.0	7.9	...
625.70	Kleinwort Ben	474	+1	16.0	4.2	16.4
7,140.70	Lloyds	557	+8	18.4	4.1	15.9
58.90	Lon Scot Bk	99	-1	3.0	3.8	19.6
6,738.70	Nat Aust Bk	513	-36	...	3.7	19.0
8,189.00	Nat West	496	+4	17.5	4.4	30.1
556.30	Provident	417	+15	11.4	3.4	18.1
20.40	Rea Bros	52	+1	0.5	1.2	55.3
2,437.60	Ryl Bk Scot	307	+9	8.8	3.6	...
1,280.70	Schroders	1268†	-61	...	1.1	25.3
2,236.10	Stand Chart	930	+6	20.0	2.7	...
3,203.00	TSB	211	+10	6.4	3.8	...
33.20	Union Disc	175	+8	...	...	...
1,687.00	Warburg SG	781	+1	...	3.0	19.7
4,480.30	Wells Fargo	8087	+268½	...	1.3	...
2,980.50	Westpac	170	-1	...	4.2	...
24.00	Wintrust	283	...	9.5	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4,976.90	Allied-Lyons	563	-15	...	4.7	15.2
3,975.40	Bass	458	-10	18.9	5.2	10.0
323.20	Boddington	268†	-6	7.3	3.4	15.6
235.70	Bulmer (HP)	499	-4	...	2.8	19.6
68.20	Burn Stewart	115	...	...	5.4	8.9
32.90	Burtonwd Brw	158	-5	4.7	3.8	13.2
24.90	Eldridge P 'A'	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
1,866.90	Fosters Brewing	58†	+4	...	4.4	...
86.50	Fullr Sm 'A'	428	+1	7.4	2.2	18.3
9,131.20	Grand Met	393	-34	12.3	3.9	13.0
762.80	Greenalls Grp	376	+1	11.7	3.9	12.5
237.70	Greene King	562	-1	...	2.7	15.9
8,473.80	Guinness	422	-43	...	3.5	14.9
65.50	Hardy Hansn	262	...	7.0	3.8	14.6
3.05	Heavitree	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
416.60	Highland Dist	333	-4	6.0	2.3	22.1
89.60	Hnk J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.4
4.32	Hoskins Brew	75	-3	...	...	54.0
358.30	Invrgordn Dist	281	-8	...	3.1	16.0
163.10	Macallan-Glen	140	-6	0.9	0.8	31.4
53.00	Macdn Martn 'A'	340	+5	...	2.8	16.6
138.70	Mansfield	217	+1	...	2.2	15.5
251.90	Mrston Thmp	278	-2	...	2.4	16.8
66.70	Matthew Clark	470	+2	...	4.5	13.8
33.70	Mrrydwn W	228	-10	7.0	3.1	22.0
113.40	Morland	535	-3	8.4	2.0	21.5
5.03	Paramount▲	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
25.90	Regent Inns	177	-2	...	3.2	17.7
4,625.00	SA Breweries	855	-7	...	3.0	15.0
1,999.80	Scot & New	475	-4	...	4.4	14.5
224.10	Taunton Cider	205	-8	6.0	3.7	16.7
334.90	Vaux Group	242	-8	9.3	4.8	16.7
102.80	Wetherspoon JD	328	+3	...	1.8	26.5
2,405.40	Whitbread 'A'	531	-13	...	4.2	14.3
225.90	-do- 'B'	1375	-38	...	1.6	34.5
312.40	Wolvrhmptn D	474	-9	11.4	3.0	13.3
13.90	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46.50	Abbey	120	...	...	1.7	45.0
13.00	Albrighton▲	18	...	...	...	...
34.70	Allen▲	130	...	...	4.8	29.5
214.10	Amec	106	+2	3.0	...	19.3
2.81	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
67.90	Ashstead▲	302	-1	4.5	1.9	48.5
26.40	Attwoods	130	-7	5.0	4.8	18.8
1,297.40	BPB Ind	261	+2	...	3.6	44.9
35.30	Baggeridge Brk	89	-2	3.1	4.4	29.9
2.82	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	-2	0.5	2.6	...
19.50	Barcom	105	-1	1.2	1.5	19.1
243.40	Bardon	44†	-2	2.0	5.7	21.7
342.90	Barratt Devs	190	+25	4.0	2.7	...
218.60	Bellway	448	+1	...	3.3	26.0
19.00	Bellwinch	41	...	...	...	...
327.50	Berkeley Gp	427	+4	...	1.6	26.8
16.20	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
13.60	Blockleys	53	-2	1.0	2.4	58.0
1,965.70	Blue Circle	278†	-3½	...	5.2	...
70.20	Boot (Henry)	270	-4	5.9	2.7	15.1
25.30	Breedon PLC	99	+1	4.6	6.6	21.1
20.60	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
19.90	Brit Fixings	83	+5	1.5	2.3	...
397.70	Bryant	145	-1	4.6	4.2	...
33.80	CALA	96†	-½	2.3	3.0	...
1,007.30	CRH	289	...	...	2.9	20.4
2.40	Cakebread Rby	40	...	...	...	...
81.70	Costain	35½	+2½	...	...	...
106.80	Countryside	140	...	...	3.7	37.0
71.90	Crest Nicholson	94	+4	0.0	...	...
18.30	Cussins	103	-4	...	1.2	...
1.43	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
10.30	Edmond Hldgs	19½	+1	0.5	...	...
53.80	Epwin	273	...	6.5	3.1	23.1
27.90	Erith	59	+5	0.3	0.7	...
45.10	Eve Group▲	473	...	...	2.6	17.1
6.09	Explaura▲	4	-¼	...	...	...
9.00	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.9	20.7
40.80	Galliford	46	-1	1.5	...	18.5
1.25	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
93.20	Gleeson (MJ)	923	+5	12.7	1.7	15.0
255.00	Hewden-Stuart	134½	-4½	...	3.0	30.6
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
217.90	Heywd Wlm	340†	-½	12.5	4.6	...
47.10	Higgs & Hill	107	-1	2.5	2.9	...
14.00	How Gp	34	-4	...	5.5	...
5.27	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
192.70	Ibstock Johnsen	77	+1	1.0	1.6	...
12.90	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
139.20	Laing (J)	304†	-1	9.0	3.7	12.3
90.00	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	124½	-3	...	6.4	...
8.62	Ln Clydeside▲	95	+3	4.5	5.9	35.8
13.70	Lovell (YJ)	16½	-½	...	...	7.5
123.60	Manders	327†	-3	9.0	3.4	20.0
435.70	Marley	154	...	4.2	3.4	45.2
123.40	Marshalls	107	-4	...	4.9	70.2
44.00	Maunders (J)	178	-1	4.9	3.5	16.3
120.90	McAlpine (A)	214	+1	6.5	3.8	37.0
25.60	McCarthy & S	39½	-1½	0.5	...	...
519.60	Meyer Int	418	+23	...	3.0	41.9
121.40	Mowlem (J)	112	-7	4.0	4.5	...
25.00	NSM	146	+15	...	...	...
9.01	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
165.40	Newman Tnks	137†	-6½	...	...	18.3
285.90	Persimmon	291†	+10	8.6	3.7	29.7
2.02	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
103.20	Prowting	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
1.63	Quiligotti▲	2½	+¼	...	...	...
1,552.30	RMC Gp	792	-6	...	3.2	29.5
174.70	Raine Ind	93	+6	6.0	8.1	15.5
2.26	Ramus▲	30	+2	...	...	...
2,691.60	Redland	533	+2	25.0	5.9	31.0
10.60	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
784.20	Rugby Group	268†	+2	6.4	3.0	20.5
7.83	Svrfid-Rvra	50†	+½	...	0.6	...
27.10	Sharpe & Fisher	131	+4	...	3.9	22.5
153.20	Sheffield Insl	235†	+11	...	2.9	57.7
17.10	Sheriff Hldgs▲	163	...	...	1.5	24.3
2.88	Shorco▲	84	+4	...	7.7	19.1
22.70	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
10.90	Starmin	3½	-¼	...	3.8	...
1,266.00	Tarmac	138†	-3	5.5	5.0	...
37.90	Tay Homes	173	-2	5.8	4.2	11.1
505.50	Taylor Woodrw	121†	+11½	1.0	1.0	...
202.90	Tilbury Dougls	599	-6	33.0	7.0	19.2
3.76	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	...	...
279.20	Travis Perkins	274	+38	8.0	3.7	47.8
12.90	Try Group	29†	-½	1.0	4.3	8.2
2.73	Tudor▲	25	-1	...	1.3	...
38.20	Vibroplant	83	...	2.5	3.8	29.8
24.20	Ward Hldgs	46	-2	...	...	...
0.83	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
88.40	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	16.3
2.31	Wescol▲	22	-1	...	...	...
109.10	Westbury	164	+3	5.0	3.8	25.6
3.92	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
1.43	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
363.20	Wilson Bowdn	408†	+10½	8.7	2.3	32.1
373.30	Wilson (C)	197†	+8½	3.9	2.5	34.1
630.90	Wimpey G	175†	+2	...	3.8	...
4.22	YRM	32	...	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
899.80	ADT	648	-2	...	...	...
9.76	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
6.65	Air London▲	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
3.31	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
169.70	Auto Sec	149	+1	...	4.4	26.7
1,242.50	BET Ord	133	+9½	...	3.1	5.4
24.40	BNB Res	101	+1	4.9	6.1	...
81.80	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
36.40	Barbour Index	219	-1	8.0	4.6	14.9
19.60	Boustead	23	...	0.7	...	...
58.30	Brit Data Mgt	240	+8	4.7	2.5	...
3.98	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
7.93	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
52.80	CRT Gp	100†	-7	...	3.5	17.2
88.60	Capita Group	197	-4	...	1.4	29.2
34.40	Castes Plc	43	+¼	...	2.3	16.5
20.40	Chiltern Capital	22	+1	...	...	...
11.30	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
916.40	Chubb Sec	328	-17	...	1.8	20.4
6.03	Comace▲	94	+1	...	2.0	23.5
9.21	Corp Services	31	-1	...	...	...
12.20	Coutts Cnslg	51	+2	...	...	...
16.30	Dan	107	-3	3.3	3.9	14.5
226.00	Davis Service	222†	-6½	...	4.5	16.7
5.10	EW Pacts▲	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
33.20	Gardiner	31	...	0.6	...	21.5
1,023.90	Hays	254	+8	5.3	2.6	...
155.70	Hogg Robinsn	225	-3	...	3.7	16.4
15.80	Holmes P'orectn	36	...	...	...	2.2
7,017.70	Hnch Whamp	202	+8	...	2.3	17.2
499.90	ISS B DKr	1925	-99½	...	5.5	2.5
2,745.80	Inchcape	524	-6	...	3.3	16.9
167.80	Johnson Clean	852	+4	25.7	3.8	18.6
92.20	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
30.40	Mide Gp	285	...	3.5	1.5	22.2
815.50	Manpower	1096	...	...	...	...
36.80	Michael Page	61½	...	1.8	3.7	26.1
7.90	Pennas▲	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
1.25	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
51.10	Proudfoot Alex	92	+6	...	...	4.4
41.40	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
7.42	REA	87½	-10½	4.0	5.7	...
53.80	Reed Executive	105	+1	...	...	...
25.60	Reliance Sec▲	114	+1	...	4.9	24.7
2,036.70	Rentokil	209†	+3	2.3	1.4	26.1
14.10	Rolfe & Nolan	250	...	...	3.6	14.1
1,032.10	Salvesen (C)	358	-6	...	2.7	19.6
3.28	Scot Pickford▲	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
12.90	Select Appt▲	6	...	...	...	...
132.00	Serco Gp	1148	+5	14.0	1.5	31.8
9.03	Sherwd Cmpt▲	148†	-2½	...	5.9	4.3
58.00	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
81.80	Warner Howrd	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
14.20	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
33.90	Wills Gp	24½	-¼	0.4	2.1	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
635.70	Allied Colloids	242	+3	...	2.2	21.3
472.50	Amersham	829	+12	...	2.0	28.7
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	-¼	...	...	...
5,791.30	BASF DM	£101½	-15½	...	3.2	...
363.40	BTP	271	-3	...	4.3	18.7
7,905.40	Bayer DM50	£120½	-13½	...	4.4	...
77.20	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.9
77.60	Brent Chems	115	-2	...	8.2	10.4
135.70	Br Bio-Tech	380	+5	...	...	...
7.15	Caird Gp	12½	-¼	...	13.3	34.7
43.60	Canning (W)	154	+10	7.2	6.0	17.3
2,082.90	Courtaulds	518	-2	...	3.4	13.8
431.30	Croda	329†	-1	...	2.9	18.9
14.60	Doefler	135	-1	4.6	4.3	10.4
176.80	Ellis & Everard	214	-3	...	4.1	20.5
10.90	Euro Colour	36½	+2½	0.8	2.7	22.3
97.70	Halstead (J)	328	+5	...	2.3	16.4
313.90	Hickson	181†	-2	...	5.5	10.8
6,489.50	Hoechst	£109½	+100	...	3.2	...
192.30	Holliday Chem	225	+5	...	2.1	20.7
5,075.80	ICI	704	-8	...	4.9	...
1,237.00	Laporte	648†	-1½	19.5	3.8	17.9
136.70	Leigh	214	+1	...	4.6	20.6
16.60	MTM	64	...	...	...	...
3,343.00	Norsk Hydro	1725	+9½	...	1.3	24.5
112.50	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.0
96.40	-do- 'A'	410	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
112.60	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
40.80	Porvair	265†	+1½	3.6	1.7	28.3
33.20	Sutcliffe Speak	59	-2	...	...	...
118.20	Wardle Storeys	467	-8	16.0	4.3	18.8
38.50	Wlstnhlme R	520	+27	17.0	4.1	17.6
171.00	Yorks Chem	375	-1	...	2.5	20.1
217.00	Yule Catto	255	-23	5.9	2.9	15.4
6,709.50	Zeneca	710†	-14½	...	4.8	41.9

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
36.70	Alexon	64†	-2	...	5.9	...
52.60	Amber Day	71	-2	3.1	5.5	19.5
1,009.80	Argos Plc	340	+4	...	2.6	28.8
21.80	Ashley Group	15½	+¼	...	...	...
204.40	Ashley (Laura)	87	-22	0.1	0.1	...
253.80	Asprey	318	+2	5.1	2.0	22.0
40.10	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
69.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	150†	+½	...	5.0	15.1
40.60	Bentalls	97†	+½	1.9	2.4	...
220.90	Betterware	217	-14	...	1.2	26.0
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
340.70	Body Shop	182	-3	...	1.2	23.5
33.30	Brown & Jacksn	13	-½	...	0.8	8.5
286.20	Brown (N)	392	...	...	2.2	23.0
1,010.40	Burton	72	+½	...	3.5	...
25.90	Cantors	156	+2	4.0	3.3	...
37.30	Church	346	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
26.50	Clinton Cards	156	+1	4.2	3.4	18.8
1,504.80	Coats Viyella	247½	-8½	...	4.8	18.5
20.90	Colourvision▲	100	...	5.6	...	...
170.30	Courts Furnish	695	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
2.16	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
2,008.90	Dairy Farm Intl	121†	+3	...	3.0	18.1
100.60	Dewhurst (J)	82½	-2	1.0	1.5	26.5
1,013.90	Dixons Grp	258	...	...	3.0	...
632.50	Dunhill	372	-1	8.1	2.7	14.5
6.88	ERA Gp	12	-2	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	330	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
18.90	Essex Furn	165	...	...	2.1	28.0
175.00	Etam	268	-1	6.9	3.2	24.6
464.90	Fine Art Dev	384	+3	12.7	2.7	19.1
3.31	Fired Earth Tiles	58	+13	...	...	...
17.10	Formimster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
23.80	French Conn▲	150	+5	...	...	...
22.40	Gent SR	62	+1	2.1	4.3	...
16.70	Goldsmiths Gp	76	+8	0.3	0.5	...
213.60	GUS	3025	+125	...	1.4	30.6
5,345.20	-do- 'A'	2212	+102	...	2.5	17.2
4.34	Hampden Grp▲	29	-2	...	4.3	14.4
67.00	Harolone	64	+1	...	5.5	...
32.20	Helene Plc	26	+1	2.0	9.5	12.5
3.05	Heritage▲	69	+1	...	...	...
5.52	Honeysuckle▲	68	-2	...	1.8	9.6
13.70	Jacques Vert	144	+19	...	2.6	11.0
4,422.20	Kingfisher	666†	+12½	...	2.6	21.8
23.60	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
96.80	Liberty	583	+3	7.2	1.5	68.4
311.40	Lloyds Chem	264	-8	5.5	2.6	10.4
848.90	MFI	146	-2	...	3.2	30.7
10,407.70	Marks Spencer	376	-5	...	2.7	20.6
309.10	Menzies (John)	556†	-1	...	2.4	15.8
38.20	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
756.50	Next	205	+½	2.5	1.5	24.3
9.10	Oliver (G)	36	-2	...	...	...
159.10	Oriflame Intl	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
63.30	Pentos	44	+2	1.5	4.3	9.2
80.60	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
22.00	Rhino Grp▲	41	...	...	...	...
174.60	Sherwood Gp	157	-4	...	2.1	14.1
1,771.90	Sears	117½	+3½	...	3.7	...
60.60	Signet Group	27½	-1½	...	...	...
1,204.90	Smith WH 'A'	442	-1	...	4.0	14.7
2.95	Specialeyes▲	19	+2	...	...	...
920.00	Storehouse	222	-1	...	2.8	28.6
105.40	T & S Stores	165	-1	5.9	4.5	12.3
80.00	Tie Rack	155	-1	1.0	0.8	25.4
115.40	Time Products	219	-1	7.5	4.3	18.9
8.39	Usher (Frank)▲	120	-1	...	5.2	9.5
19.80	Vivat	36	+2	1.0	3.5	11.1
2.54	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
415.60	Wickes	111	+9	...	0.2	50.4
5.53	Wid of Leather▲	68	+1	...	...	...
57.40	Wyevale▲	187†	+1	...	2.7	24.7
5.78	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
326.40	ACT Group	177	+1	...	3.5	17.8
34.70	Acal	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
75.00	Acorn Compu▲	113	+10	...	...	57.3
49.10	Admiral	455	-12	5.4	1.5	19.2
78.20	Alba	160†	+3	...	3.6	21.2
11.30	Alphameric	42	-3	...	...	...
258.60	Amstrad	44½	+2	0.4	...	...
15.60	App Holo▲	75	...	...	...	...
22.90	Arlen	38	-2	...	...	...
258.60	Astec	77½	...	...	0.4	1.2
24.00	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
4.24	Bennett & Fountn	4	-½	...	...	...
1,475.00	BICC	420	+8	19.2	5.8	...
115.90	Blick	465	-15	9.2	2.5	18.1
284.00	Borland▲	1000	-50	...	...	...
592.70	Bowthorpe	359	-4	6.3	2.2	23.3
26,495.30	BT	427	+6	...	4.6	20.2
5,410.70	BT P/P	183½	+6½	...	4.4	20.9
2.94	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	-½	0.1	1.1	...
36.70	Burnfield	107†	-6½	5.7	6.7	16.9
4,376.30	Cable Wireless	861	+28	...	2.2	22.5
53.60	Chloride	22½	-1½	...	...	...
47.40	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	1.2	19.7
14.00	Compter People	101	+1	0.6	0.8	...
304.20	Cray Elect	142	+1	...	1.3	14.6
46.20	Critchley	416	+4	...	1.8	∞
754.80	Delta	510†	...	...	3.4	21.0
15.60	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
120.60	Domino	471	+1	7.2	1.9	16.1
98.00	Dowding Mills	60†	+3	2.5	5.2	∞
70.60	Druck▲	1103	-2	10.0	1.1	23.5
928.50	Electrocomps	443	-2	...	2.2	18.1
48.50	El Data Prc	558	-2	5.1	1.1	15.3
33.30	Electron House	129†	-2	2.6	2.5	28.3
23.90	Emess	22½	-½	0.1	0.6	...
264.90	Eurotherm	597	+3	8.0	1.7	27.2
637.60	FKI	144	-2	...	2.6	21.1
612.40	Farnell Elect	457	+7	...	1.7	24.2
7.44	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
91.60	Ferranti	10	+¼	...	...	...
38.20	First Tech	257	...	1.0	0.5	∞
30.90	Forward Gp▲	259	-1	...	1.6	23.4
6.80	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
9,619.70	GEC	352½	+13½	10.3	3.7	17.7
117.10	Graseby	185	-1	...	7.4	38.9
11.50	Graystone	12	...	...	...	...
1.35	Hillcare▲	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
7.08	INSTEM▲	148	-2	...	2.6	10.6
68.80	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.0	15.2
4.00	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
122.30	Kenwood App	333	...	...	2.9	18.7
27.90	Kewill Sys▲	234	+5	...	...	...
16.70	Kode	180	-5	5.5	3.8	21.3
5.64	Laser-Scan▲	35	-10	...	...	...
47.00	LBMS▲	262	-8	...	0.4	36.9
15.30	Lee Refrig	253	-2	9.0	4.4	...
235.90	Life Sciences	139	-4	3.5	3.2	15.1
155.00	Logica	252†	+1½	4.0	2.0	...
4.59	LPA Ind▲	55	...	...	8.0	15.5
120.00	MR Data Mngmt	217	-11	4.3	2.5	20.7
147.70	Macro 4	653†	+9½	...	3.4	19.8
109.50	Meavier-Swa▲	672	...	...	2.0	19.8
249.60	Micro Focus	1770	+20	...	...	...
64.60	Microgen	164	-5	7.2	5.5	11.2
19.90	Microvitec▲	30½	-2	...	...	...
193.60	Misys	499	-1	...	1.8	18.2
461.50	Mitel	584	+111	...	...	...
13.60	MMT Compt▲	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
9.33	Molynx	49½	+1	1.3	...	...
44.70	MTL Inst▲	254	+10	...	1.8	19.0
13.70	Multitone Elect	115	...	3.5	3.8	∞
19.80	Murray Enter	207	-5	1.8	1.1	...
6,557.90	NYNEX	3175†	+37½	...	...	...
34.70	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
2.83	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
17.10	Norbain▲	237†	+20½	...	0.8	18.2
9.60	Northamber	54	-3	0.6	1.4	...
17.20	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	...
134.80	Oxford Inst	279	+2	4.5	2.0	19.2
15.30	P-E Intern'l	70	...	...	...	...
34.40	P & P	71	...	1.4	2.5	37.7
82.80	Peek	72	+1	3.4	6.0	18.5
13.50	Pegasus▲	209†	+5	...	3.8	53.6
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
4,114.60	-do- Lmp nv	1287½	+37½	...	...	...
90.50	Phonelink▲	255	+9	...	...	...
26.90	Pifco	290	+2½	...	1.8	24.3
19.30	-do- 'A' Voting	280	+2½	...	1.8	23.5
2.97	Plasmec▲	64†	-½	...	...	5.4
28.10	Pressac	110	-6	2.4	2.7	22.2
26.60	Psion▲	121	...	...	2.6	32.1
814.90	Racal Elect	220	-11	4.2	2.4	13.1
12.20	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
0.53	Radius▲	35	-1	2.7	...	12.1
4.69	Real Time▲	67	-5	...	5.6	13.8
5.98	Riva▲	23	...	...	...	29.2
42.70	Sage Gp	452	+12	9.0	2.5	14.5
30.90	Sanderson Elec	347	-1	9.0	3.2	14.8
30.20	Seantronic	79	-1	3.1	4.9	19.9
65.90	Scholes Grp	174†	+8½	5.0	3.6	∞
302.10	Sema Gp	332†	-11	2.8	1.1	26.9
13.10	Silvermines	40	...	...	...	...
4.70	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
3,073.80	TDK	2337½	-15½	...	1.4	26.0
1.13	TDS Circuits▲	12½	-½	...	...	...
173.80	Telemetrix	192	+14	0.8	0.5	31.6
3,872.40	THORN EMI	922	-48	...	4.5	18.8
14.20	Thorpe FW	110	...	2.5	2.8	11.3
5.98	Total Systems▲	58	-3	3.0	6.5	10.3
79.80	Tunstall	499	-3	6.0	1.5	20.0
195.30	Unitech	286	-1	...	2.7	67.8
14.00	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35.90	Vistec▲	29½	...	...	1.6	10.9
5,009.90	Vodafone	498	+3½	...	1.7	22.6
120.90	Volex	458	-6	17.8	4.9	18.8
3.16	Western Selectn	21	-2	...	...	...
40.90	Wholesale Figs	288	-2	11.7	5.1	30.6

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,193.30	East Midlands	547	+12	...	4.5	10.3
1,521.80	Eastern Elect	563	-19	...	4.3	11.2
1,445.80	Hydro-Elect	377	+4½	...	3.8	13.7
1,236.60	London Elect	567	+12	...	4.3	12.6
723.50	Manweb	609	+15	...	4.3	8.8
1,215.70	Midlands Elec	580	+8	...	4.3	10.4
4,954.80	National Powr	388	+7½	...	3.4	11.5
749.70	Northern Elec	609	+6	...	4.4	8.8
502.00	Nthn Ireland	185	+12	...	4.1	10.2
1,017.20	Norweb	589	+2	20.0	4.2	9.1
3,280.90	PowerGen	419†	+11	...	3.1	11.1
3,007.60	Scottish Power	369	+2	...	3.8	13.7
791.20	Seeboard	621	+10	...	4.0	10.0
625.50	Sth Wales	618	+7	...	4.5	10.3
701.70	Sth Western	570	+10	...	4.4	9.1
1,541.10	Southern Elec	571	+16	...	4.3	10.5
1,225.10	Yorkshire Elec	591	+15	...	4.3	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.90	Aitken Hume	36	+½	1.0	2.2	11.9
21.80	BWD▲	117	-2	...	3.4	18.3
28.10	Baltic Plc	93	...	...	1.3	...
454.60	Caledonia	547	+4	...	3.4	20.3
38.10	Camellia	1525	...	...	2.4	5.7
66.90	Candover	300†	-4	10.2	4.3	21.2
49.70	Flemech▲	145	+1	...	0.4	...
258.60	Govett	316	-1	...	4.5	9.9
49.30	Ivory Sime	170	-4	...	4.8	16.0
2.44	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	...
222.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	222†	-8	8.4	4.7	16.1
12.60	Manakin	62	...	5.0	10.1	∞
9.31	Nat Home Loan	9	-¼	...	...	...
18.20	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
64.60	Rathbone Bro	328	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
65.50	Rutland Tst	25½	...	...	3.9	15.1
34.20	S & U	320	...	10.0	3.9	11.9
152.00	Singer & Fried	79†	+½	...	4.7	...
258.90	Sotheby's	763	-12	...	4.5	...
400.40	SJP Capital	147	+1	3.0	2.6	60.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
11,249.00	Amer Express	2337½	+128½	...	5.1	23.6
219.40	Henderson Ad	1025	+7	...	2.2	...
427.30	Invesco	173†	+10	...	3.3	10.8
2,220.10	Jardine Strat	235	+8	...	...	...
794.00	MAI	233	+11½	6.9	3.8	∞
1,246.80	MAM	663	+3	15.0	2.8	16.6
706.70	M & G	941	-2	...	2.9	25.0
163.30	Smith New Ct	324	+10	...	2.3	4.9
41.70	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,146.20	AB Food	478	-23	14.0	3.7	11.0
1,753.90	ASDA Group	60½	-1	1.6	3.3	14.5
80.40	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
435.50	Albert Fisher	72	...	3.7	6.5	12.0
3,262.10	Argyll	291	-11	...	4.7	10.7
27.90	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
19.00	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
63.30	Barr (AG)	335	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
11.80	Bensons Crsp▲	65	-1	...	5.5	14.6
128.10	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
856.40	Booker	403	-9	...	6.9	34.3
27.10	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
245.90	Brake Bros	485	-14	6.2	1.6	20.1
76.40	Budgen	47	...	...	2.7	14.3
3,775.70	Cadbury-Schw	456†	-3½	...	3.6	16.1
8.10	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
26.10	Cranswick	193	+2	...	3.2	14.4
4.05	Cullens	15½	+½	0.5	4.0	44.5
22.00	Dalepak	190	-4	6.0	3.9	15.0
1,112.20	Dalgety	488	-1	...	5.4	13.5
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
315.90	Devro	234	+1	...	2.9	22.2
26.90	Everest	107	-5	3.7	4.4	∞
83.80	Farepak	371	+2	5.7	1.9	22.8
2.19	Farringford	9½	...	...	...	...
75.80	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	7.0	24.6
274.90	Fyffes	98	...	...	1.5	17.8
269.30	Geest	375	+4	8.1	2.7	16.7
17.50	Global▲	14½	-½	...	4.4	22.3
18.60	Grand Central	43	+2	1.2	3.3	∞
424.20	Hazlewood Fds	183	+3	...	4.4	10.3
1,087.40	Hillsdown	158	-7	8.8	7.1	12.2
537.20	Iceland Group	203†	-12½	...	2.1	12.8
49.00	JLI Group	118	-2	...	4.9	13.1
1,050.60	Kwik Save	680	-24	16.0	2.9	13.0
98.30	Low (Wm)	181	-2	8.4	5.7	8.9
91.80	Matthews (B)	74†	-3	2.2	3.8	48.5
15.80	Merchant Retail	17½	...	1.1	7.9	35.8
745.70	Morrison (W)	104½	-24½	...	1.0	13.6
85.50	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
1,430.00	Nthn Foods	250	-13	...	4.2	12.4
5.25	Nthmbrn Fin▲	11	-1	...	...	...
262.40	Nurdin Peack	191†	-4	...	4.0	10.6
122.40	Park Foods	234	+7	...	3.2	18.0
111.70	Perkins Food	91†	-½	...	2.4	10.5
55.60	PizzaExpress	105	+2	...	0.6	60.1
7.23	Regina Hlth▲	9½	...	...	...	...
7,639.80	Salisbury J	425	-22	...	2.9	15.0
3.34	Sentry Farm▲	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
34.40	Sims Food	115	-2	...	8.2	22.2
1,359.60	Tate & Lyle	380	+23½	12.0	3.9	12.0
3,961.20	Tesco	202	-11	...	4.4	9.3
103.80	Thorntons	163	...	3.6	2.8	15.2
15.40	Treats▲	162	-3	...	2.8	16.5
901.20	Unigate	386	-13	...	5.2	12.7
1,829.80	Utd Biscuits	349	-2	...	5.6	21.3
18.90	Usborne	37½	+1	...	4.9	∞
117.60	Watson & Phil	303	+5	13.3	5.5	15.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.64	Abrdn Stk H▲	22	...	...	...	...
170.80	City Centre Rest	89½	+¼	1.5	2.2	21.6
1,941.90	Forte	229	-1	...	4.1	18.0
20.40	Friendly Hotels	164†	-4	...	4.4	31.3
8.28	Harmony Leis▲	10½	+1	...	...	...
32.50	Jarvis Hotel	123	+¼	...	5.2	16.8
2,224.90	Ladbroke	195	+1	11.1	7.3	16.2
453.00	Mandarin Orntl	67	...	...	5.1	16.7
439.00	Queens Moat	47#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
160.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45†	+1	3.4	9.6	8.8
11.80	Ryan Hotels IE	18	...	...	5.6	...
252.50	Savoy Hotel 'A'	813	-15	7.0	1.1	...
232.70	Stakis	61	-1	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
12.90	AAF Inds	56	+8	...	19.6	3.4
476.20	AAH	545	-7	...	4.0	17.4
24.10	AIM	173	+3	7.5	5.4	10.5
279.30	APV	95†	+1	...	7.1	...
139.20	ASW	208†	+13	...	3.6	...
117.50	Adwest	181	-13	7.0	4.8	25.7
8.36	Aerospace Eng	22	+4½	...	4.3	28.9
65.90	Airsprung	278	+1	...	2.0	17.8
53.50	Alendra W	159	+4	3.8	3.0	43.9
4.92	Allied Radio	10	-¼	...	...	...
88.60	Alumasc	575	+5	11.7	2.6	∞
22.10	Alvis	42	-1	1.0	3.0	8.6
20.50	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
2.28	Amberley Gp▲	38	...	...	3.3	...
36.30	Anagen	78	-8	...	...	...
15.00	Andrews Sykes	105	-1	...	5.2	...
376.30	Antofagasta	923	+58	...	2.2	17.0
14.40	Armour	53½	...	1.6	3.9	∞
40.50	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
9.19	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
138.10	Avon Rubber	523	...	...	3.9	20.9
27.40	Assoc Nursg	268	-2	...	0.5	15.2
70.70	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
6.00	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
695.20	BBA	172	+1	...	5.5	14.6
3.52	BLP Group▲	53	...	...	...	...
25.80	BM Gp	27½	+1½	5.0	...	...
3,013.10	BOC	633	-7	23.2	4.6	13.9
184.40	BSG	71	-2	...	5.7	24.5
120.40	BSS Group	463	...	...	4.7	27.7
12,224.70	BTR	362†	-8	...	3.7	20.2
79.20	BWI	166	-13	6.7	5.0	16.0
188.40	Babcock	35	+3	...	7.5	20.9
4.07	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
314.40	Baird (Wm)	278	+2	8.9	4.1	19.0
1,104.50	Barlow Rand	562½	-25	...	5.8	3.3
85.60	Baynes (Charles)	62†	-¼	...	2.9	25.4
5.72	Beauford	7	...	...	...	...
5.29	Beckenham▲	6	-½	...	...	...
1.28	Bedford (W)▲	27	...	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16½	+½	0.3	2.3	∞
128.80	Bespak	515	-20	10.0	2.4	16.1
132.90	Bibby (J)	85	-3	9.7	...	5.0
4.05	Billam (J)	250†	-12	5.0	2.5	12.6
2.36	Bilston Bttrsn▲	28	-4	...	...	...
6.34	Bimec Ind	5½	+¼	...	...	...
43.80	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
9.40	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
6.09	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
125.60	Black (Peter)	230†	+5	3.7	2.0	∞
39.00	Bluebird Toys▲	501	+36	...	1.1	31.3
165.30	Bodycote	288	-24	...	2.2	18.3
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
5,018.40	Boots	483	-6	...	3.5	17.9
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,230.80	Bowater	460	+1	...	3.1	19.2
448.20	Bowater Inc	1237†	-2	...	...	...
60.40	Boxmore Intl▲	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
10.90	Brasway	14	-½	0.5	4.8	∞
121.70	Brammer	285†	+½	13.0	5.7	21.2
7.04	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	2.1	...
66.90	Bridon	118	-1	...	4.3	...
8.11	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
1,268.80	Brierley Inv	45	...	...	7.3	∞
27.50	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
2.43	Br Bloodstock▲	64	+4	...	...	...
138.90	Br Polythene	466	-24	...	2.7	16.6
2,390.00	Br Steel	119½	+8½	...	1.0	...
31.60	Br Syphon	99	-4	...	3.8	27.8
25.40	Br Thornton	158	-7	...	2.0	17.3
499.50	Br Vita	232†	-7½	7.1	3.9	14.3
77.10	Brixton Grp	15	-½	...	1.5	...
11,631.20	Broken Hill	702	+26	...	2.5	35.1
73.80	Bromsgrove Ind	107	-2	...	5.1	13.9
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
20.70	Brown & Tawse	65	-7	...	...	...
153.50	Bullough	128	-2	6.0	5.9	21.9
7.70	Business Tech▲	16½	+¼	...	...	...
19.00	CI Group	22	-1	1.0	...	20.8
2.45	Campbll & Arm	17	-1	...	...	...
34.60	Cannon St	33½	-3	...	...	...
135.90	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
148.60	Carclo Eng	246	...	8.6	4.4	17.5
1,854.80	Carnaud Mtl	2300	...	...	2.6	∞
3.67	Cassidy Bros▲	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
44.30	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
160.10	Cathay Intl	69	+7	...	...	...
14.30	Chambrlin Hill	195	...	6.2	4.0	12.2
481.50	Charter	705	-14	...	3.9	16.6
67.10	Chemring	344	-1	...	3.0	20.7
4.43	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
10.80	Chillington	38	-1	0.2	0.8	...
297.80	Christies Int	186†	+3½	...	1.0	46.2
10.50	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
1.82	Clayton Son	83	-2	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7#	...	0.2	...	...
5.62	Cohen (A)	303	...	6.8	2.8	∞
66.80	Community H	211	+14	6.9	4.2	∞
119.00	Concentric	220	-1	...	3.2	18.5
50.20	Cook (Wm)	229	+1	5.0	2.7	13.9
1,075.00	Cookson	192	-14	...	3.9	25.4
7.70	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
61.90	Crystl Pkr 'A'	153	-3	5.7	4.7	13.1
14.90	Cosalt	129	+4	10.7	...	19.6
8.59	Creighton Nta▲	186	...	...	4.9	15.3
62.50	CrestaCare	37	-5	0.5	1.7	31.8
1,664.60	Dana	3625†	-40½	...	...	...
378.80	Danks Br Sys	230	+7	...	0.6	21.9
119.50	David Brown	225	-2	...	3.3	16.0
1.40	Davies (DY)▲	22	+2½	...	3.1	17.9
1,297.20	De La Rue	676	+2	0.9	4.7	20.3
3.44	Dinkie Heel	26	-2	9.7	2.2	28.6
306.40	Diploma	550	-1	5.7	...	13.9
94.20	Dobson Park	77	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
1.85	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	8.4	13.6
8.92	-do- 'A'	74	...	...	...	...
5.62	EFG	12	-½	...	...	...
180.40	EIS	409	-4	...	3.9	16.1
3.04	Elbief	24	+1	...	...	...
7.25	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.2
1,451.40	Electrolux 'B'	2037½	-65½	...	2.6	...
18.40	Elliott (B)	75	+2	...	...	...
1,243.20	Eng China Cl	413	-6	...	6.2	22.3
18.40	Environmed	128	...	...	...	53.0
6,638.80	Ericsson 'B'	1537½	-137½	...	0.8	...
32.40	Eurocopy	67	+8	1.6	...	26.0
48.00	Expamet	76	...	...	...	1.8
252.60	Fairey Group	679	-28	10.2	1.9	20.8
37.80	Fenner	87	-3	4.2	...	16.4
5.38	Ferraris Group	55	...	...	2.3	12.9
3.25	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
5.21	Ferrum	16	-4	2.5	19.5	11.2
5.89	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
1,202.80	Fisons	174	+7	...	6.4	15.8
53.80	Fitzwilton	46	-2	...	10.1	...
70.80	Flogas	288†	+5	...	3.5	∞
11.40	Folkes Group nv	32†	-½	1.5	3.1	21.0
9.84	French (Thomas)	83	...	3.6	3.5	41.6
126.80	Frost Group	216†	-3	...	2.3	27.2
31.30	GEI Int	85	-1	...	7.3	...
1,265.80	GKN	480	-9½	...	5.3	32.0
5.79	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
3.73	Garton Eng	98	+3	4.0	5.2	...
375.60	Gestetner	147	+2	8.2	7.0	6.4
8.87	Gieves	39	+5	...	...	28.2
19,822.70	Glaxo	654†	+25	...	4.2	16.9
8.61	Glenchewton	33	+3	...	...	...
617.00	Glynwed	299½	+½	11.6	4.9	27.8
63.50	Goode Durrant	120	-1	...	5.6	...
94.70	Grampian Hd	137	-5	5.5	5.0	23.8
2,026.40	Granada	433	-20	7.2	2.2	23.1
48.10	Great Shirm	408†	+2	...	3.4	16.8
8.37	Green (Ernst)▲	104	+2	...	8.8	∞
24.20	Greenacre▲	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
1.99	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
52.20	Haden MacLn	60†	+4	...	4.2	21.6
5.64	Hadleigh Inds▲	82	+6	...	0.8	...
80.90	Hall Eng	276†	-11	8.6	3.9	23.0
382.60	Halma	195	-7½	...	1.3	26.2
24.40	Hampson Ind	40	+1	1.6	5.0	13.2
12,401.80	Hanson	256½	+2	...	5.6	13.1
17.80	Harris (Philip)	159	-45	...	5.4	9.6
1,335.80	Harrisn Crsfld	195	+11	9.0	5.9	22.6
17.60	Havelock Euro	66	...	...	...	...
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38	-7	...	...	...
4.19	Headway	26†	-½	0.7	3.4	∞
2.53	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
776.60	Hepworth	377	+3	14.8	5.0	16.0
10.90	Hewitt (J)	194†	-1½	3.0	1.9	15.2
1.94	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
48.00	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
17.30	Hobson▲	19	+3	...	...	...
5.21	Holders Tech▲	167	+5	...	4.5	21.8
36.70	Hopkinsons	47	-4	1.3	...	19.2
13.10	Hornby▲	161	+1	...	7.0	15.2
218.50	Howden	78	...	2.2	3.5	14.4
227.80	Hunting	237	-3	...	5.3	20.0
128.20	Huntlgh Tech▲	498	-2	...	2.5	12.6
921.90	IMI	284†	+3	...	4.4	25.2
45.00	ISA Intl	116	-2	1.5	1.6	18.0
37.00	Intercare Gp▲	145	-1	...	2.2	15.3
34.70	Isotron	280†	...	4.3	1.9	∞
3,747.50	Jardine Math	531	+9	...	2.4	19.1
878.80	Johnson Matth	464	+12	...	2.8	20.3
64.60	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
15.90	Johnston	152	-5	3.2	2.7	...
2.68	Jones Shipman	22	-3	...	...	...
5.87	Jourdan (T)	31	+1	0.7	3.1	...
13.80	Kalamazoo	75	+¼	2.1	3.5	17.4
218.50	Kalon	165	+3½	...	2.4	22.9
7.31	Kelsey Ind	238	-20	13.0	...	...
167.00	Kershaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
28.40	Kleeneze	205	+8	...	...	...
6.45	LOW▲	145	...	3.0	2.6	12.0
382.60	Laird	327†	+3	...	4.0	16.1
34.30	Lilleshall	140	...	...	3.8	18.4
13.20	Linton	193	-6	...	3.3	16.7
3.55	Lincoln Hse▲	22	+1½	...	...	18.1
14.20	Linread	118	-3	3.7	4.0	18.2
33.60	Lisson Park	250†	+2½	...	7.0	9.0
23.50	Lionheart	12†	+¼	0.2	2.1	...
6.00	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
262.50	Lon Intl	156	+5	9.4	7.6	11.9
954.00	Lonrho	124½	+3½	...	4.0	...
340.60	Low & Bonar	349	-12	...	3.3	48.9
1,804.80	MB-Caradon	315†	-1	...	3.4	25.5
288.00	-do- pf	160†	-1	7.2	5.7	...
58.60	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
11.40	MS Intl	42	+1	...	7.4	43.3
18.70	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
158.80	Macfarlane	210	-1	...	1.9	23.8
393.90	McKechnie	430	-5	14.7	4.3	21.3
62.30	McLeod Russel	108	-1	6.0	7.3	12.6
14.50	Maddox	3½	-¼	...	...	17.7
5.80	Magnolia	101	-4	0.1	0.1	16.2
16.60	Mang Bronze	101	-4	1.0	1.2	...
39.90	Marling	22½	-½	...	3.6	...
37.90	Mayborn▲	191	+8	...	3.3	15.7
114.90	Mayflower	58	...	...	2.7	48.1
301.60	Medeva	110½	+2	...	2.5	9.0
226.60	Meggitt	105	-3	...	4.6	17.6
96.40	Metalrax	118	-2	...	3.9	19.1
36.60	Metrotect	152	+6	...	2.7	21.1
14.70	Metsec▲	95	+5	...	...	...
40.30	Midstates	83	-3	...	1.2	11.1
7.22	Mining & Ald	22½	-½	0.5	2.8	...
156.60	Molins	505	...	...	3.5	13.0
698.10	Morgan Cble	322	+21	...	5.0	16.9
14.40	Morris Ashby▲	176	+1	...	3.8	13.4
6.74	Neepsend	28	-1	0.7	3.3	37.6
45.60	Nestor-BNA	61†	-1	3.1	6.5	14.6
23.30	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
312.70	Norcros	179	+8	...	4.9	26.2
24.00	Novo Group	38	-8	...	4.3	12.2
142.80	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
4.47	Office Elec Mac	73	+2	0.1	0.2	...
16.00	OMI Intl	36	+4½	...	8.1	...
10.10	PCT▲	132†	-½	...	6.9	15.0
2.82	Pacer Systems▲	60	+5	...	6.3	...
320.70	Pentland	89†	-6	...	3.5	12.1
195.40	Photo-Me	329†	-2	4.6	1.7	∞
1,156.90	Pilkington	147	-5½	...	3.4	...
63.00	Plantsbrook	85†	...	3.0	4.4	13.4
232.70	Polypipe	149	+4	2.1	1.8	∞
22.60	Porter Chadburn	24	+1	...	6.5	11.0
1.73	Portit Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
316.40	Powerscreen	387	...	...	2.2	19.1
29.40	Prospect Inds	16½	-¼	0.7	5.6	8.4
7.30	RPS Group▲	61	+5	2.2	4.5	13.5
1.22	Radiant Metal	90	+5	...	...	...
22.10	Ramco Oil▲	122	-6	...	1.0	40.8
2,593.10	Rank Org	793	+15	31.0	4.9	21.7
8.78	Ransomes	15½	-¼	...	...	...
2,310.00	Reckitt Colm	616	...	...	3.3	14.0
23.60	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
6.44	Reece	5	-¼	...	...	...
50.40	Relyon	240	...	4.9	2.6	28.8
131.00	Renishaw	269	+2	6.5	3.0	20.6
63.20	Renold	96	+2	...	1.3	...
6,357.80	Reuters	1532	-15	21.2	1.7	25.3
9.66	Rexmore	55	+1	1.7	4.0	...
49.30	Ricardo Group	156	+1	5.7	4.7	∞
0.36	Richard (Leics)	76	...	4.4	7.2	...
22.40	Richardson West	85	...	3.0	4.4	21.8
8.96	Rogner	137†	-1½	8.2	7.5	19.4
20.10	-do- 'A'	129†	-3½	8.2	8.0	18.3
33.10	Ross Gp	29	...	0.6	2.8	11.9
146.70	Rotork	169†	-7½	...	2.7	19.8
31.80	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
15.30	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
16.60	SEP Indl	27	...	...	3.5	24.7
997.60	SKF 'B'	937½	+100	...	...	...
53.00	Saville Grdn (J)	53	...	2.2	5.2	∞
493.70	Scapa	211	-2	...	3.3	16.1
135.70	Scholl	202†	+1½	...	3.9	14.7
1.61	Scot Heritable	4½	-1	...	...	...
44.70	Securicor	1078	...	2.6	0.3	41.0
594.60	-do- 'A'	735	+6	2.6	0.4	28.0
696.10	Security Serv	635	+9	5.0	1.0	31.4
281.00	Senior Eng	117	-1	...	3.4	19.3
52.60	Seton Health	278	-7	...	2.6	16.4
3.26	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
7.31	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.8	14.0
171.80	Sidlaw	314	-5	...	4.0	20.1
2,083.70	Siebe	519	+8	...	2.4	19.2
176.50	Silentnight	374	...	...	2.7	22.0
1,989.70	Sime Darby	127	...	...	4.2	∞
64.40	Simon Eng	64	-2	...	...	...
46.00	Sinclair (Wm)	211	...	7.0	4.1	13.6
20.50	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
1,501.20	Smith & Neph	149½	...	...	4.0	16.0
5,759.30	Smithkline	421	+15	8.6	2.6	15.2
4,978.00	Smthkline Uts	380	+17	...	3.5	13.7
1,100.40	Smiths Ind	370	+7	11.2	3.8	15.1
86.70	Sthn Bus	67	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
47.70	Spandex▲	444	+4	...	1.8	19.6
27.60	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.8
275.50	Spirax-Sarco	364	-8	...	3.3	22.7
255.00	Spring Ram	69	+7	...	...	1.8
270.20	Staveley	237	-18	...	4.5	13.4
65.40	Sterling Ind	162	-2	...	4.3	24.8
182.00	Suter	161†	-5½	8.8	6.6	17.5
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	348	+24	...	2.5	∞
4.22	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
5.83	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
24.10	Syltone	148†	+4½	...	4.0	19.7
1,576.40	TI	339	-2	...	3.9	23.2
6.55	TLS Range▲	29	+2	...	1.1	...
295.60	TT Group	289	+8	...	2.0	17.8
277.20	Tadare	243	-2	1.8	0.9	20.2
7,460.00	Takeda Chem	853	+41	...	0.5	22.6
4.18	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
7.21	Thosley (B)▲	99	-5	...	6.9	15.2
27.00	Tilon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
2,630.30	Tomkins	235	-2	...	3.4	17.3
1,086.10	Trafalgar H	102	+4	...	4.0	7.5
93.60	Transfer Tech	490	+5	16.0	4.1	12.2
109.00	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
398.80	UniChem	259½	+16½	5.6	2.8	16.6
70.30	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	11.9
9.89	Unigroup	32	-2	...	...	...
8,207.50	Unilever	1075	+16	23.3	2.5	14.6
11,546.10	Unilever (NV)	7200	+103½	...	2.8	12.1
321.40	VSEL	998	-22	...	4.3	9.1
11.50	Vernon	8½	...	...	...	...
316.90	Vickers	157	+6	...	1.2	...
127.60	Victaulic	280	-3	...	3.4	14.3
177.90	Vinten	436	-3	...	2.0	20.3
214.40	Vesper Thorny	694	+19	...	2.8	16.8
4.46	WSP Hldgs	42†	...	...	...	10.9
190.50	Wagon Ind	430	-1	...	5.0	19.0
91.90	Walker Greenbk	96	-1	3.1	4.0	24.5
378.40	Wassall	248†	-2	2.5	1.3	25.0
276.40	Watford Wdgwd	39	-½	...	...	...
478.00	Weir	306	+2	...	2.4	17.3
6,176.10	Wellcome	714	+18	13.0	2.3	19.7
6.12	Wellman	19	-½	0.9	5.9	31.0
174.90	West Hlthcare	343	+11	...	1.4	∞
109.40	Whatman	480	-8	9.5	2.5	16.1
78.90	Wheesoe	271	-1	...	3.7	10.5
27.80	Whitecroft	69½	+½	...	...	...
10.70	Widney	8	+½	...	...	...
22.30	Wilkes (James)	126†	+1½	3.5	...	36.9
1,572.90	Williams Hldg	321†	...	12.5	4.9	16.8
27.50	Wilshaw	34	...	...	1.8	21.4
1,721.00	Wolseley	647	+15	12.5	2.4	22.4
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
13.10	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
8.62	Young (H)	52	-4	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
573.00	Alex & Alex	1500	-43½	...	4.5	...
4,862.30	Am Gen	2250	+56½	...	3.3	...
12.40	Archer (AJ)	49	-2	4.4	...	23.8
10.90	Barry Bch Nbl▲	167	+1	...	4.0	12.9
72.10	Bradstock	136	-1	5.1	4.7	16.7
893.50	Britannic	473	+3	...	3.0	...
3,244.10	Com Union	603	-2	...	5.0	...
113.90	Dom & Gen	1675	+40	...	1.7	∞
89.10	FAI	38	+3	...	...	...
3,102.90	Gen Accident	688	+12	26.7	4.9	...
1,806.20	GRE	215	+5	7.0	4.1	17.6
257.80	Heath C E	399	-1	...	5.0	...
137.20	Hogg Gp	213	-3	8.1	4.8	19.3
208.30	JIB Group	168†	-7½	...	5.6	17.2
2,279.00	Legal & Gen	467†	-13½	...	3.1	28.4
2,053.10	Liberty Life	896	-18	...	3.2	15.5
2,912.00	Lloyds Abbey	433	+2	17.3	5.0	15.6
193.20	Lloyd Thmp	301	-3	5.6	2.3	22.2
417.30	Londn & Man	348	-5	14.2	5.1	25.6
117.50	Lowndes Lmb	418	...	13.5	4.0	15.0
4,327.30	Marsh McLn	5900	-37½	...	3.1	...
22.60	Oriel	114	+3	...	5.6	...
20.70	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
6,790.20	Prudential	339†	+9½	...	4.4	22.5
539.70	Refuge	1050	+27	31.5	3.8	28.8
1,973.00	Royal	304	-3	...	2.7	...
945.40	Sedgwick	184	-3	...	4.1	22.7
64.60	Steel Burrill	138†	-18	...	...	8.2
43.50	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	...	8.2	8.7
3,038.60	Sun Alliance	377	+10	14.2	4.8	...
93.20	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
960.60	Transatlantic	328	-1	12.0	4.6	30.4
511.90	Utd Friendly	625†	-4½	14.5	2.9	27.2
955.40	Willis Corroon	229	-1	...	3.6	49.2
5.51	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
866.90	Alliance	1720	-8	45.0	3.3	37.6
212.40	Amer Trust	255	-1	4.9	2.4	52.9
446.50	Ang & O'seas	391	+1	6.8	2.2	49.6
71.50	BZW Conv	141½	+1	7.8	6.9	∞
277.30	Bankers	179	...	3.4	2.4	49.0
158.00	Baring Tribne	308	-2	6.4	2.6	48.7
9.94	Berry Starq	191	+2	2.2	1.4	62.1
397.40	Br Assets	103½	+1½	...	5.2	25.3
104.40	Br Empire Sec	78½	-1	0.8	1.4	79.7
3.66	-do- Wnts	27½	...	...	...	...
586.60	Br Inv	188	+2	4.5	3.0	42.4
39.70	Contl Asset	183	-4	2.4	1.6	60.9
17.60	Derby Inc	149	...	...	12.0	9.0
37.80	-do- Cap	245	+7	...	...	...
9.86	Drayton Bine	78	+2	8.4	13.5	8.7
37.60	-do- Eng Ind	83	-1	1.2	1.8	...
141.00	-do- Far East	122	+3	0.6	0.6	...
25.60	-do- Korea	111	+4	0.5	0.6	...
203.20	Dunedin Inc G	641	-2	25.4	5.0	29.5
37.20	-do- Japan	93	-2½	...	...	...
3.84	-do- Warrants	48	-2	...	...	...
222.40	-do- Wwide	664	+1	9.5	1.8	68.4
47.90	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	26.3
855.00	Edinburgh	291	-3	8.4	3.6	31.8
474.00	Electra Inv	234	-2	6.7	3.1	37.4
162.70	Electric Gen	180	-1	3.1	2.2	56.1
1.83	English Scot	108½	-1½	...	...	...
71.60	European Asset	287	-5	...	2.4	37.3
30.00	Finsbury 'A'	125	...	3.0	3.0	40.2
186.00	Fleming Amer	281	-1	0.7	0.3	...
102.70	-do- Claver	202†	-½	...	3.3	39.8
196.60	Do Contl	298	-6	2.7	1.1	...
77.60	-do- Entp	194	-½	...	3.0	39.2
467.20	-do- F East	309	+6	1.1	0.4	...
40.70	-do- Fledg	323	-1	3.0	1.2	...
27.70	-do- Hi Inc	97	+1	...	3.7	16.6
264.00	-do- Japan	229	+2	0.3	0.2	...
348.80	-do- Merc	276	-1	6.7	3.0	59.1
369.20	-do- O'seas	278†	-1½	4.2	1.9	58.2
1,277.00	Foreign & Col	243	+1	...	1.8	66.2
120.40	-do- Eurotst	204	-4	1.2	0.8	...
46.80	-do- German	119	-1	0.5	0.5	...
305.70	-do- Pacific	287	+5	19.5	0.9	...
144.90	-do- Smaller	162½	+½	1.8	1.4	...
144.10	GT Japan	231	+3	...	0.6	...
25.20	Genl Cons Cap	139	+1	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	109	+1	...	9.7	11.3
35.20	Govett Am Smlr	141	+3	...	...	...
553.50	-do- Oriental	308	+7	0.9	0.4	...
204.20	-do- Strategy	269	...	...	3.1	37.1
45.90	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.0
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53.90	Inv Cap	137	+½	5.1	4.7	27.5
27.30	IRS UK Smllr	94	-1	2.8	3.7	26.2
160.40	Kleinwort Chr	198	+1	5.0	3.2	38.5
180.40	-do- O'seas	225	-1	3.3	1.8	63.9
17.80	-do- Smlr	127†	-1½	...	3.4	30.8
148.50	Law Debenture	654	...	18.2	3.5	32.7
101.30	Majedie	193	-3	...	3.1	37.3
271.10	Merchants	288	-1	...	5.2	24.4
6,886.10	Merrill Lynch	6675†	+12½	...	1.8	60.6
370.90	Monks Inv Tst	478	-3	...	4.5	25.3
31.00	Morg Grenf Inc	127	+1	...	...	...
2.34	Do Warrants	48	+1	...	...	...
16.10	Murray Euro	52	-½	0.1	0.4	...
0.87	Do Wts	14½	-½	...	...	...
279.90	Murray Income	334	...	10.9	4.1	∞
391.90	-do- Intl	526	-1	11.6	4.5	29.1
204.80	-do- Small	365	-2	...	1.4	...
5.05	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
4.72	-do- S/C Cap	120	-2	...	...	...
1.49	-do- S/C Uts	2875	-25	...	4.6	...
9.31	-do- S/C DP	155½	+1½	...	...	...
73.10	-do- Vent	296	+2	10.9	4.7	∞
100.50	New Frontier	100½	+1	0.2	0.3	...
34.60	Nwthrog Inc	88	+2	6.7	9.8	16.2
120.80	O'seas Inv Tst	327	+5	2.8	1.1	...
76.20	Pacific Assets	385	+5	1.1	0.4	...
11.10	Do Warrants	288	+5	...	...	...
12.50	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
265.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	147	+3	1.1	1.0	...
23.90	River & Merc	119	...	9.2	9.7	11.9
	Robeco	405	+40	...	2.7	...
	Rolinco	435	+38	...	1.7	...
55.90	St Andrew Inv	273	-1	7.5	3.5	36.1
330.50	Scot American	148	-4	...	3.9	31.3
48.20	Scott Asian	230	+3	...	...	...
3.54	do Warrants	505	+7	...	...	...
494.30	-do- Eastern	78	+1	1.5	2.4	51.2
547.20	Scottish	215	+1½	4.6	2.7	44.6
761.10	-do- Mrge	211	+2	4.0	2.4	54.8
46.00	-do- Value	96	-½	...	2.3	68.4
281.50	Second Allnce	1518†	-2½	39.0	3.2	∞
272.30	Secs Tst of Scot	85	...	3.2	4.5	28.1
43.90	Selective Asset	152	-2	1.2	1.0	54.7
41.80	Sphere Inv	34½	+1½	3.1	11.5	10.9
71.10	TR Far East	153	+2	4.5	3.7	33.6
200.70	TR City Of Lon	146	-1	4.8	4.1	∞
106.50	TR Pacific	159	+4	0.3	0.3	...
86.00	TR Property	30½	-½	0.9	3.7	31.7
41.80	TR Tech Inv	95	+1	1.7	2.3	35.2
326.10	TR Smlr Cos	183	+2	...	2.6	42.3
188.50	Temple Bar	329	-1	13.2	5.0	34.8
93.50	Thrgtn Asian E	93½	+½	0.5	0.7	...
227.90	Throgmorton	75	+1	2.3	3.8	30.6
17.60	Throg Dual Cp	503	-5	...	...	...
81.40	USDC Invest	223†	-2½	4.5	2.5	41.0
46.40	Value Inc Tst	109½	+½	3.6	4.1	27.6
444.20	Whitbread Inv	704	-4	16.5	2.9	42.4
781.40	Witan	209	-2	5.6	3.3	36.6

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
360.90	Airtours	391	-2	7.2	2.3	13.8
36.40	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.1
162.90	Anglia TV	387	+17	...	3.2	16.9
15.30	Baldwin	84	...	3.0	4.5	11.9
22.20	Barr & W 'A'	224	+2	10.0	5.7	14.3
48.60	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
14.10	Border TV▲	138	-3	...	3.0	12.4
19.60	Brent Walker	6½	-¼	...	...	10.9
2.96	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
9.94	Buckingham Int	8½	+1½	...	...	...
14.80	Campari	142	-2	...	10.8	...
154.10	Capital Radio	218	+5	5.2	3.0	25.2
1,442.80	Carlton Comm	725	-12	17.0	2.9	21.4
11.70	Castle Comm▲	188	...	...	3.7	17.2
580.30	Central TV	2083	+28	38.0	2.3	22.7
28.10	Chrysalis	106	...	...	...	...
502.00	Compass Gp	559	-6	...	2.9	16.7
54.40	Eurocamp	207	-7	9.7	5.9	8.5
1,144.10	Euro Disney	673	-5	...	1.7	...
7.63	Euro Leisure	4½	-¼	...	...	...
23.60	Ex-Lands	34	-1	...	...	...
10.80	Fairline Boats	310	+26	10.5	4.2	...
436.60	First Leisure	268	-10½	6.1	2.9	18.5
16.30	GWR Gp▲	530	+2	...	1.7	27.2
34.70	Grampian	346	+2	6.1	3.1	17.0
1.40	Greenwich Com▲	20	...	...	...	...
50.50	HTV Group	73	+1	...	...	32.4
27.00	Hi-Tec Sports	98	+12	...	4.3	...
24.70	Kunick	10½	-½	...	...	...
577.20	LWT Hldgs	500	+20	...	1.2	23.1
62.60	Man Utd	513	...	18.0	4.4	17.6
137.00	Owners Abrd	86†	-3½	3.5	5.2	6.7
27.00	The Pelican Gp	67	...	...	2.1	15.7
10.70	Prism Leisure▲	131	-5	...	3.1	12.2
6.78	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
29.00	Radio Clyde▲	322	-3	...	3.3	25.2
11.90	Ransdens (H)	198	-3	...	2.8	26.3
234.20	Scot TV	488	-9	9.9	2.5	24.0
16.40	Southern Radio	58	-1	0.7	1.7	24.2
98.60	Stanley Leisure	221	-13	4.3	2.4	17.4
7.82	Sunleigh▲	8½	...	...	...	...
7.03	Sunset & Vine	123	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
647.30	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	∞
19.00	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
15.50	Tottenham Hot	97	+2	...	...	3.1
21.90	Trans World▲	55†	-1½	...	1.8	20.1
52.10	Ulster TV	496†	+5½	10.0	2.5	15.2
68.70	Vardon	94†	-½	0.7	1.0	22.2
47.60	Wembley	18½	+½	0.2	...	...
11.30	Whitegate	39	...	...	...	...
115.90	Yorkshire TV	230	+1	12.0	6.5	7.0
7.54	Zetters Gp	115	...	8.0	8.7	13.0

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
980.00	Am Gold	4100	-115½	...	4.8	20.8
360.60	Ang Am Coal	1431½	+75	...	6.1	7.6
4,325.20	Ang Am	1862½	-6½	...	3.6	16.2
24.80	Anglo Pac Res▲	32	+4	...	...	...
25.60	Blyvoors	100½	-1½	...	5.7	5.9
5.40	Bracken	39	+7½	...	...	2.4
63.30	Buffels	575	+65	...	10.8	∞
3.53	Bute	1½	-¼	...	...	...
3,821.00	CRA	644	+5	...	3.0	22.1
21.20	Cluff Res	29½	+2	...	...	...
4,253.50	De Beers	1118½	...	...	4.3	15.2
105.50	Deelkraal	106	+11	...	1.8	12.2
18.80	Doornfontein	47	+14	...	...	...
1,419.80	Driefontein	696	-10	...	4.1	13.8
10.10	Durban	433	+33	...	...	...
55.10	E Rand Gold	120	+2	...	9.3	3.5
34.60	E Rand Prop	208	+4	...	...	...
339.40	Elandsrand	350	+48	...	3.3	8.6
829.00	FS Cons	704	-2	...	6.9	8.8
9.56	FS Dev	43	+1	...	...	...
1,144.40	GFSA	1187	+19	...	3.3	∞
1,595.40	Gencor	145	-5	...	6.5	11.0
212.60	GM Kalgoorli	42½	-2	...	3.0	11.1
11.50	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	+1	...	...	...
13.40	Grootvlei	117	+3	...	8.4	7.3
76.10	Harmony	283	+65	...	...	...
321.40	Harties	287	+26	...	6.5	11.3
34.00	Inoco	15	...	...	...	...
414.30	Impala Plat	666	+38	...	4.2	22.9
8.51	Kenmare Res▲	8½	...	...	...	...
144.00	Kinross	800	+17	...	4.0	9.2
877.30	Kloof	633	-11	...	3.3	8.6
14.20	Leslie	89	-1	...	4.5	9.3
23.90	Loraine	146	+12	...	...	...
114.80	Lydenburg	725	-33	...	2.8	∞
1,203.70	MIM	86	+7½	...	2.5	41.7
2,042.00	Minorco	1192	+72	...	3.3	13.3
808.40	Nth Brkn Hill	127	+7	...	3.7	20.9
588.40	Orange Free	1725	+9½	...	7.2	13.9
7,366.60	RTZ	693	+5	...	3.8	19.2
82.90	Rand Mines	559½	+6½	...	10.0	2.7
300.20	Randfontein	491	+42	...	5.8	∞
278.40	Renison	140	+7	...	3.0	14.5
1,190.50	Rustnburg	950	+65½	...	3.3	∞
46.10	St Helena	479	+10	...	4.9	10.1
333.30	Southvaal	1350	-36	...	4.0	24.7
9.57	Stilfontein	79½	-5	...	8.3	13.2
34.20	Unisel	122	+6	...	2.4	12.4
5,389.90	Vaal Reefs	4525	+137½	...	4.6	8.2
160.90	Welkom	454	+9	...	7.1	14.1
107.20	Western Areas	266	+15	...	2.5	∞
498.80	Western Deep	1800	-81½	...	3.3	8.7
2,091.80	Wstrn Mining	218	+8½	...	1.9	∞
97.40	Winkels	800	+46	...	1.2	6.9
90.70	Zambia Copper	74	+1	...	...	...
62.50	Zandpan	48	+13	...	6.1	16.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.20	ABI Leis	93	...	3.7	5.1	16.3
4.66	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
11.50	Airflow Stream	135	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
84.10	Appleyard	137†	-7½	...	4.7	...
14.60	Bletchley Mtr	330†	...	...	3.4	16.3
26.40	Bostrom	167	+1	6.0	4.6	29.1
1,598.90	Br Aerospace	423†	+18½	7.0	2.1	...
51.80	Burndene	46	-1	...	3.2	12.2
12.50	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
19.40	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
18.00	Central Mtr▲	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
11.10	Cook (DC)▲	26	...	...	2.9	∞
351.80	Cowie (T)	249	-1	8.2	3.1	19.0
25.10	Dag Motors	139	+1	5.7	5.2	24.8
30.30	Davnprt Vern	155	...	...	3.3	19.6
29.20	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
51.40	European Mtr	137	-2	...	3.2	19.3
85.80	Evans Halshaw	399	-1	11.8	3.5	61.5
192.20	FR Group	257	-3	...	3.5	12.0
18,664.30	Ford Motor	3793½	+231½	...	...	...
21,735.10	General Mtr	3075	+12½	...	1.6	...
5.44	Gowrings	60†	...	3.0	4.2	...
93.00	Henlys	233	-8	3.0	1.6	...
9,187.40	Honda Motor	943	+27	...	0.6	...
2.81	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
8.39	Jessups	98	-1	4.5	3.2	...
286.40	Kwik-Fit	166½	-2	...	2.5	29.7
377.70	Lex Service	401	-12	...	3.3	21.9
30.70	Lookers	160	-2	6.2	4.8	...
1,062.60	Lucas	150	-2	7.0	5.8	...
21.30	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
101.50	Pendragon	263†	-7½	...	3.1	21.6
35.90	Perry Gp	191	-5	7.0	5.0	...
40.40	Quicks Group	176	-12	...	3.2	22.5
1,754.20	Rolls-Royce	144½	-1½	...	4.3	...
905.50	T & N	196†	+10	...	6.9	27.9
110.50	Trinity Hldgs	215	+1	...	3.2	∞
76.80	Vardy (Reg)	170	-3	...	3.1	23.8
225.60	Westland	237	+2	4.2	2.2	21.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.30	Adscene	191†	+1	5.0	3.3	19.6
5.55	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
295.40	Blenheim Gp	320	+25	...	3.6	11.8
56.20	Bristol	345	...	...	4.3	31.1
489.80	Daily Mail	977	-25	13.0	1.7	22.0
488.00	Daily Mail 'A'	970	-30	13.0	1.7	21.8
178.10	Dorling Kind	289	-8	...	1.3	27.6
615.90	EMAP	355	+1	...	2.8	21.9
219.00	Euromoney Pb	1088	...	29.5	3.4	24.5
22.50	Harrington K	236	+3	4.5	2.4	19.1
47.40	Haynes Pub	463†	+2½	8.0	2.2	∞
123.50	Hodder H'line	358	-2	5.0	1.6	30.5
13.30	Home Counts	132†	-5	6.0	...	...
56.10	Ind Bus Comm	144	+1	...	...	20.8
8.96	Int Cm & Data	13	+¼	...	...	...
208.10	Independent	380	-6	...	3.1	18.6
177.70	Johnstn Press	577	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
31.00	Metal Bulletn	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
721.40	Mirror Gp	180	-1	...	...	...
8,525.20	News Corp	466	+32½	...	0.3	21.2
1,802.50	News Intl	261†	+½	...	0.7	16.1
2,904.40	Pearson	530†	+10½	...	2.8	28.8
74.20	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
3,977.50	Reed Int	709	+14	...	3.0	30.9
22.60	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
66.00	Sterling Pub▲	170	...	...	2.2	18.7
516.00	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.6	16.2
4,128.50	Thomson Corp	725	...	...	2.1	30.2
269.40	Trinity Intl	391†	+1	8.7	2.8	21.4
1.82	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
1,348.10	Utd Nwspaprs	555	+6	...	4.9	16.2

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
92.60	Aran Energy	33	-1	...	...	32.1
23.20	Arcon Intl▲	40	...	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	61½	-½	...	...	...
20.50	Aviva Pet	65	+2	...	...	...
4.00	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
90.00	Br Borneo	200†	+1½	7.1	4.4	6.1
14,182.70	British Gas	328	+2	14.2	5.5	15.5
16,446.00	Br Petroleum	302	+5½	8.4	3.5	23.7
8.53	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,453.40	Burmah Castrl	769	+1	...	4.1	17.9
38.50	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	8.6
467.10	Calor Gp	266	...	...	5.8	21.6
199.70	Clyde Pet	50	...	...	...	...
37.50	Copley Res	37	...	...	...	...
2.93	Edin Oil & Gs▲	17½	...	...	...	...
2,045.00	Enterprise	432†	-2½	16.0	4.6	23.8
37.00	Exp Co Louis	35	...	...	...	...
58.60	Fairhaven Intl	24†	+½	...	2.4	8.6
70.10	Goal Pet	59	...	1.4	3.0	11.3
12.60	Gt Western Res	47	...	...	...	...
162.90	Hardy O & G	162	+2	...	0.8	15.1
58.00	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
1,098.80	LASMO	146½	+13	...	2.8	29.7
5.60	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	16.1	...
18.70	Mid Scot Res▲	9	-1	...	...	...
348.80	Monument	52½	+1	...	...	...
6.33	New London	5½	-½	...	...	...
14.10	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
97.90	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
	Petrat	16½	+2	...	...	...
70.70	Pict Pet	137	-3	...	...	∞
130.10	Premier	22	-½	...	...	8.2
28.60	Presidio	113	-2	...	5.4	...
339.70	Ranger	345	...	...	4.6	...
35,045.80	Royal Dtch Fl	6537½	+75	...	4.6	16.3
9,959.30	Schlumberger	4112½	-31½	...	2.0	...
35.80	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
21,580.70	Shell	651†	+4	21.9	4.2	20.0
5.06	Sunrise Eng Sv	173	...	...	...	...
19.80	Triton Europe	34	...	...	...	...
14.60	Villiers Grp	14½	+1½	...	...	...
973.30	Woodside	146	+3	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.0	13.0
70.30	API	330	-5	7.5	2.9	28.7
1,711.20	Arjo Wiggins	211†	+3½	...	3.9	34.1
80.80	Abbott Mead	539	...	9.3	2.2	27.9
62.90	Aegis Gp	37	-2	...	...	...
16.80	Aspen Comm▲	130†	-2	...	4.7	11.8
1.06	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
98.30	Bemrose	390	-18	...	3.4	16.0
4.36	Birkdale	11	-2½	...	...	...
613.60	Bunzl	145	...	4.0	3.5	33.6
36.70	CIA Gp	314	+5	...	1.5	19.8
57.80	Capital Inds	217	-11	...	1.8	20.7
6.02	City of Lon▲	78	...	...	6.2	14.6
19.60	Cropper (James)	243	...	3.1	1.6	23.5
3.66	Crown Comm▲	6#	...	...	...	...
7.37	Delyn Pkging	87	-1	1.6	3.4	11.7
27.10	Dolphin Pack	115	+9	4.5	5.0	28.0
9.65	Dudley Jenkins▲	84	...	...	4.6	19.1
23.70	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.3	14.6
21.40	Fairway Group▲	69	-1	3.1	5.7	20.3
11.20	Ferguson Intl	339	-1	...	4.6	15.3
14.20	Perry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
32.50	Photox▲	145†	-3½	...	1.1	18.7
5.34	Fitch	15	-2	...	...	...
10.76	Gibbon Lyons▲	119	-1	...	5.3	13.4
72.30	Gold Greenlees	275†	-1	9.3	3.8	∞
3.39	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
27.20	Hunterprint	47	+4	...	...	...
9.36	Interurope	175	-10	7.5	5.8	...
82.70	Jarvis Porter	263	+2	...	2.3	24.2
14.80	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
105.60	More O'Ferrall	330	+24	13.2	5.0	39.1
43.90	NMC Group	110†	+1½	2.0	2.3	17.0
10.26	Osborne & Little	168	-2	...	3.4	18.4
315.20	Portals	488	-5	...	3.8	16.7
4.34	Premier Hlth	1½	-¼	...	...	...
60.30	Quarto	286†	...	...	2.3	17.6
208.60	St Ives Gp	312	+2	5.2	2.1	21.3
356.20	Saatchi	162	...	...	...	...
482.00	Sappi	321	-21	...	11.6	6.1
7.55	Senfa▲	30½	...	...	...	...
16.00	Shandwick	20½	-2	...	...	...
556.60	Smith David	360	...	...	3.5	18.9
1,108.20	Smurfit (Jeff)	227	-12	...	3.2	15.4
1.22	Sonic	61	...	1.5	3.1	25.0
49.20	Stat-Plus	229†	-1	8.0	4.4	20.4
59.10	Taylor Nelson	37	...	0.3	1.4	22.6
4.97	VTR▲	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
516.40	WPP	100	-3	...	1.3	3.7
130.00	Wace	174	-1	...	...	...
201.00	Waddington (J)	250	-9	...	3.9	18.7
247.30	Watmough	747†	+2	11.5	1.9	28.3
6.39	Westport▲	5½	-½	...	...	...
1.43	Whitney Mcke▲	28	-3	...	...	...
12.50	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
72.40	Allied Lon	104	...	3.5	4.2	...
5.49	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
23.00	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
82.50	Asda	105	+1	...	2.5	11.0
66.00	Avonside	152†	+5	4.0	3.3	21.2
6,853.30	BCE▲	2237½	+75	...	...	...
283.20	Bilton	148	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
7.74	Bourne End	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
309.00	Bradford	215	-3	5.4	3.1	21.8
6.06	Bredero	16½	+½	...	...	...
1,112.60	Br Land	390	-11	...	2.4	33.7
495.80	Brixton	224	-15	...	4.9	16.7
148.60	Burford	80	+4	...	1.8	...
52.20	Cap & Regnl▲	175	...	...	0.8	...
5.57	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
93.10	Chesterfield	498	+8	11.0	2.8	35.6
6.01	City Site Ests	39	-1	1.4	...	...
3.92	Clarke Nickolls	19	-1	...	...	...
28.10	Conrad Ritbt GS	47	...	...	...	...
207.00	Daejan	1230	-2	...	2.7	15.7
4.30	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
42.30	Debenham Twsn	49	-1	...	3.8	19.3
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
27.30	Dencora	152	-1	3.0	2.5	...
65.00	Derwent Hldgs	558	+2	8.6	1.9	69.5
48.00	Development Sec	41	-1½	...	...	...
6.80	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
17.10	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
4.49	Estates Gen	27	...	...	...	...
136.60	Evans Of Leeds	208	...	...	2.3	18.2
32.20	Five Oaks	33	-½	...	...	...
5.21	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
229.40	Frogmore	457	-14	16.0	4.5	∞
37.80	Grainger	190	-3	5.2	3.5	42.5
622.40	Gt Portland	204	-6	...	4.9	19.5
21.50	Greycoat	24½	...	...	...	...
4,003.20	HK Land	149	+6	...	4.4	20.1
233.30	Hambro Cntyr	77	-1	0.5	0.8	...
207.50	Hammerson	390	-7	10.0	3.2	39.5
688.40	-do- 'A'	388	-5	10.0	3.5	35.2
40.10	Helical Bar	267	-4	...	2.4	8.9
28.40	Hemingway	30	-2	...	...	...
9.44	Herring Baker	58	-8	3.7	...	14.7
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,403.30	Land Sec	672	+4	22.8	4.3	20.3
239.60	Lon Merch Sec	99	-5	4.0	5.1	15.4
1.99	Lon & Metro	3½	-½	...	...	...
1,863.40	MEPC	480	-26	...	5.2	20.7
4.82	McInerney A	8	...	...	...	...
36.40	McKay Secs	134	...	3.5	3.3	18.4
7.33	Marlborough	6	...	0.5	...	...
5.26	Merivale Mre	38	-1	1.0	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
4.40	Moorfield Est	40	-5	...	...	...
58.80	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
161.00	Muckiow (A&J)	165	-2	6.1	4.7	∞
5.98	Olives Prop	35	-1	1.5	5.4	...
4.32	Ossary Est	9½	...	0.1	...	1.4
184.50	PSIT	152	-1	4.1	3.4	30.1
347.40	Peel	310	+7	4.0	1.6	...
9.30	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
6.83	Property Trust	36	-1	...	...	∞
15.60	Raglan	50	-1	...	...	...
22.50	Regalian	19½	-1½	...	...	...
16.90	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
49.00	St Modwen Prp	42	-1	0.6	1.8	32.0
23.70	Savills	84	...	...	2.0	25.3
97.10	Scot Met	100	+2	1.5	...	...
49.60	Shaftesbury	102	+4	...	...	...
1.12	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
934.60	Slough Estates	243	...	...	4.2	17.0
74.70	Southend Prop	81	+4	...	3.7	...
53.10	Stanhope Prps▲	32	...	...	...	...
39.20	Tops Ests	194	+3	2.1	1.4	69.3
126.60	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	23.3
53.50	Trafford Park	79	-1	2.8	4.5	∞
1.95	UK Land	45	+5	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	9	+2½	...	...	...
121.50	Warner	250	-2	10.5	5.3	22.8
83.70	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
2.76	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
121.10	Wates	78½	-8½	0.7	...	...
5.99	Wood John D▲	73	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.86	Automagic▲	15	...	...	...	...
62.00	Headlam	182†	+6	...	1.8	41.1
19.90	Lambert	330†	+4½	13.0	4.9	8.1
10.20	Pittards	47	-13	2.0	...	13.4
44.30	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
35.20	Style	184	...	...	2.0	20.4
13.80	UK Safety	65	...	...	23.8	2.1

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
139.90	Allied Tex	489	+1	12.6	3.2	15.7
7.45	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
3.10	Bolton Gp	33	+4	...	...	16.8
21.50	Br Mohair	162†	-1½	8.5	6.6	15.2
2.58	Chartwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
133.80	Claremont Ga	332†	-4½	7.2	2.7	20.7
539.30	Courtauld Text	534	-2	13.6	3.2	14.6
5.38	Cupid▲	30	...	...	...	...
310.80	Dawson	199	-10	...	5.7	15.2
6.17	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel▲	82	+1	...	7.5	12.7
2.29	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
6.02	Gaskell	124†	+2½	4.2	4.3	...
36.30	Hicking Pntcst	220	-3	...	2.3	11.1
5.88	Jerome (S)	78	+3	...	...	...
111.00	Lamont	370	+9	12.0	4.1	34.5
97.80	Leeds	515	...	...	1.8	24.9
10.20	Lister	62	+1	0.1	0.2	...
6.03	Lyles (S)	83	...	4.9	7.4	9.4
49.80	Magellan	200	+12	1.4	0.9	...
9.52	Parkland 'A'	166	-2	2.0	1.5	...
193.40	Readicut	100½	-½	...	4.3	18.9
2.01	SEET	50	+2	...	...	...
67.40	Sirdar	126	-3	5.3	5.5	∞
37.30	Stirling Gp	66	-4	1.8	3.5	16.2
33.70	Stoddard	48	-1	...	3.9	44.6
18.60	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
9.02	West Trust	36†	...	2.5	8.7	∞
17.70	Yorklyde	180	-1	...	3.6	11.8

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,672.50	BAT	477	+6	...	4.9	14.3
3,896.20	Rothmans 'B'	644	+1	11.5	2.2	12.8

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
852.70	Assoc Br Ports	453†	-10½	...	2.3	...
4,350.30	BAA	853	+28	...	2.3	21.2
3,334.10	Br Airways	359½	+8½	...	3.7	19.7
24.20	Clarkson (H)	106	+4	1.5	1.8	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
1,308.20	Eurotunnel Uts	490	...	...	...	...
19.70	Fisher (James)	80	-2	1.0	1.6	21.5
31.00	IOM Steam	207	-1	...	4.8	10.9
7.37	Jacobs (II)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
13.50	Lon O'Seas Frts	89	...	...	1.4	17.4
117.50	Manchstr Sh	2937½	+12½	4.5	0.2	16.0
227.80	Mersey Docks	379†	+4	9.0	3.1	24.3
97.00	Natl Express	245†	-8½	...	3.6	17.6
1,484.70	NFC	268	+2	6.5	3.1	20.2
489.70	Ocean Group	318†	-8½	...	5.0	...
26.30	Ocean Wilson	66	...	4.0	7.6	12.0
3,152.80	P & O Dfd	561†	-16	...	6.5	30.4
113.30	P & O 5 1/2%	170	+2	...	4.0	...
365.20	Powell Duffryn	555	+6	...	5.1	21.5
19.30	Seacon▲	198	+25	...	3.2	12.5
180.50	Stagecoach	149	+2	...	3.2	∞
356.10	TNT	63	+8	...	...	...
303.60	Tibbet & Brtn	698	-34	11.8	2.1	26.6
290.10	Tiphook	264	+11	...	9.1	...
376.20	TDG	257†	...	...	4.6	8.5

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,607.30	Anglian Water	543	-2	...	4.9	11.0
433.40	Northumbrian	642	-9	...	4.4	6.6
1,984.40	North West	532	+8	...	5.0	9.5
1,574.20	Severn Trent	553	+3	...	4.8	8.9
948.00	Sthrn Water	569	+3	...	4.7	9.5
87.60	Sth Staffs	1565	-35	47.0	3.8	11.1
731.80	South West	584	+10	...	3.7	9.6
2,159.90	Thames Water	551	-3	...	4.8	10.8
897.50	Welsh Water	622	+8	...	4.7	6.3
799.70	Wessex Water	646	-9	...	4.2	9.7
1,111.30	Yorkshire W	559	+3	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex-dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,065	Treas 13¼% 1993	101	-	13.59	5.65
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	-	8.42	5.54
550	Treas 14½% 1994	103	-	13.98	5.54
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	104†	...	12.91	5.54
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102	-	9.71	5.58
1,260	Exch 12½% 1994	106	-	11.79	5.50
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.68	5.54
2,150	Treas 12% 1995	108	-	11.11	5.59
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	+	3.08	4.64
2,900	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	+	9.51	5.66
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	...	11.22	5.83
770	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.95	5.94
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	+	12.52	6.05
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.31	6.04
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	110	+	9.03	6.14
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	+	11.01	6.31
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	112	+	9.32	6.26
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	+	8.06	6.24
830	Exch 15% 1997	130 †	+	11.54	6.50
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	+	8.69	6.42
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	103 †	+	7.00	6.31
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	+	6.68	6.06
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	+	10.92	6.79

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137 †	-	11.29	6.64
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122	+	9.82	6.77
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	112	+	8.44	6.61
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	124 †	+	9.85	6.84
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	117	-	8.95	6.73
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	+	8.74	6.76
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	111	+	8.04	6.69
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	131	+	9.86	7.02
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	117	...	8.53	6.98
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	117	-	8.31	7.09
4,350	Treas 8% 2003	107	...	7.47	6.98
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	120	+	8.32	7.13
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124 †	-	9.26	7.25
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	+	4.40	6.11
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	117 †	+	8.10	7.20
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	117 †	+	8.08	7.23
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135	-	9.24	7.47
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	105 †	-	7.62	7.23
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	...	9.14	7.44
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	110	+	7.69	7.28
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143 †	+	9.41	7.46

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	115 †	-	7.81	7.32
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	106 †	-	7.55	7.35
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	116	-	7.75	7.36
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	116	-	7.73	7.36
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85	+	6.43	6.91
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	+	7.39	7.31
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	106	-	7.50	7.36
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	149	-	8.21	7.52
6,500	Treas 8¾% 2017	115	-	7.57	7.35

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	47	+	7.40	...
475	Treas 2½%	33 †	...	7.49	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	135	+	...	0.14
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	+	1.52	2.42
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110 †	+	1.90	2.55
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168 †	+	2.66	3.03
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165	+	2.80	3.11
600	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	112	+	2.86	3.15
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	174	+	2.87	3.10
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159	+	3.00	3.20
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168	...	3.03	3.21
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138	+	3.04	3.21
2,600	Treas IL 2½% 2016	149	-	3.07	3.23
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143	-	3.11	3.25
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120	-	3.10	3.23

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Murray Johnstone leads way to Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MURRAY Johnstone has merged as the first financial stitution to commit funds to he Lloyd's of London insurnce market.

The Scottish company, hich manages £4.3 billion of nds, has joined with Willis aber & Dumas, a Lloyd's embers' agency, to form a orporate capital vehicle. The ehicle, which will have a nderwriting capacity of £50 illion, is being fully underritten by Murray Johnstone.

Other financial institutions ave formed alliances with loyd's agencies, but none has et agreed to commit funds.

James Sinclair, managing irector of Willis Faber & umas, said that the agency ow had an advantage in obining capacity on good oyd's syndicates because of e commitment of funds. oyd's agencies face stiff comtition for capacity on Lloyd's ofitable syndicates, partly flecting the sharp contracn in their number. Mr Sinair said: "We can go out and y we have the funds, whereothers are saying they pect to have them."

The intention is to float the hicle, but the timing has yet be decided. A number of hicles are intended to be ated this autumn, in time the start of the next derwriting year. Mr Sinir says, however, that his hicle may wait until 1995.

e vehicle's chairman is Sir ymond Johnstone, chairn of Murray Johnstone.

Murray Johnstone, one of top-performing investnt management houses in past ten years, was last ek taken over by United set Management Corporan, the US holding company a collection of investment nagers, for £49 million.

Mr Justice Saville, the High urt judge handling Lloyd's nes' litigation, will today rt to tackle issues common most of the legal actions. o weeks have been set aside deal with the issues. The in one is whether membagents are responsible for ligence by managing nts and whether agents extra-contractual duties to nes. The outcome is imtant to many of the 17,000 gating names because their tracts are with members' nts but allegations of negliice are against managing nts. A wide view of responility and duties would raise nes' chances of successfully ng members' agents for naging agents' negligence.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Tourism recovery expected to boost profits at Forte

COST cutting and the results of past actions should combine with a modest recovery in tourism to help Forte, the hotels group headed by Rocco Forte, report a healthy improvement in first half profits.

Peter Hilliar, at BZW, is looking for interim pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to reach £42 million (£31 million), while Simon Johnson, at Kleinwort Benson, has pencilled in £48 million. Forecasts range from £38 million to £48 million. The interim dividend is likely to be held at 2.75p.

As far as hotels are concerned, London should have seen a fair improvement in occupany levels, although room rates are likely to be down because of a fewer business customers and discounting. American tourists have returned this year, additionally attracted by the strong dollar, but Forte would like to see more of the higher margin business visitors return. Forte's share of losses from the Savoy are likely be about £1 million.

Meanwhile, provincial hotel occupancy rates should be up, while room rates are likely to have held steady.

The catering division should also show a slight improvement. Increased prices have seen volumes slip back, but spend per head is expected to be up.

There has been speculation in the Square Mile that the group, whose debts are estimated at £1.3 billion, will accompany its interims with a rights issue to bolster its balance sheet. However, with the group's debt/equity ratio thought to be below 50 per cent, seasoned City observers have their doubts.

Forte is operationally geared, but the group is not likely to see any real benefits until next year and beyond, so despite good longer term prospects, the tone of Mr Forte's statement is likely to be one of cautious optimism.



American visitors have returned to improve Rocco Forte's room occupancy rates

TODAY

Despite a pick up in the brick market, **Ibstock Johnsen** is expected to drop into the red at the interim stage as the building materials group is hit by continued problems in America and increased losses in forest products, where there is huge overcapacity and pricing remains under pressure.

Mark Hake, at Nikko Europe, expects a pre-tax loss of £3 million, against a profit of £3.1 million last time. Forecasts range from losses of £2.5 million to £4 million. The dividend should be maintained at 0.5p.

The group may also have to make provisions of up to £20 million against the closure of a Portuguese pulp mill.

Hammerson Property, whose first half included a rights issue, management shake-up and property disposals, is expected to report interim pre-tax profits of £14.8 million (£23.3 million), according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £14 million to £18 million. The group is also likely to give a detailed review of its future strategy.

HTV Group is predicted to show a return to profit in the first half, reflecting an improvement in advertising revenue performance and substantially reduced costs. The team at NatWest Securities expects the television group to turn in interim pre-tax profits of £500,000 (£5 million loss).

Brent Walker, the debt-laden leisure to betting shops group, is expected to report interim losses of about £80 million (£79.4 million loss). The group, which has debts of £1.5 billion, is under pressure to sell its William Hill operation.

Interims: Brent Walker, Greenacre Group, HTV Group, Hammerson Property Investment & Development Group, Ibstock Johnsen, Linread, Metalrax Group, T&S Stores, Ticketing Group, Unidare. **Finals:** Cornwell Parker, Enterprise Computer Holding, GT Japan Investment Trust, S Lyles.

TOMORROW

Sears, the Selfridges to Dolcis and Saxone retailing group, should unveil a healthy recovery in first half profits thanks to a sharp improvement at the British Shoe Corporation subsidiary. Julie Ramshaw, at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, is looking for first half pre-tax profits of £33.8 million (£23.7 million). Market forecasts range from £32 million to £36 million. However, the comparative figures included a charge relating to discontinued activities, while this time's numbers will be flattered by a contribution from the Richards chain acquired from Storehouse last October.

Morgan Stanley expects operating profits from Sears' footwear businesses to advance to £6 million (£1.9 million), while Selfridges should have improved its contribution thanks to tourist flow and a strong dollar.

Interims: Baltic, Boosey & Hawkes, Broadstoner Corp, William Jacks, London & Manchester, Radiotrust, Retail Corp, Schroder Split Fund, Sears, S&U, Stylo, UK Safety. **Finals:** Allied London Properties, Baillie Gifford Japan, Dorling Kindersley, Lloyd Thompson, Minorco, S&U, Zambia Copper Investments.

WEDNESDAY

Central Independent Television is forecast to report an interim pre-tax profit of £18.7 million (£15.1 million), according to NatWest Securities. An interim dividend of 11p (10p) is predicted.

Interims: Acorn Computer Group, Arcon International Resources, William Bedford, Capital Industries, Central Independent TV, Costain Group, Dencora, Fitch, Hodder Headline, Hogg Group, Ipeco Holdings, Richards Group, Starmin, TR High Income Trust (3ic), World of Leather. **Finals:** Advest Group, EFM Dragon Trust, Lincat Group, Quayle Munro, Regent Inns, Frank Usher.

THURSDAY

Analysts are looking for a respectable increase in first half profits from **Redland**, although the building materials group may sound a cautiously optimistic tone on prospects. Mark Hake, at Nikko, expects a combination of recovery in Germany, a slight pick-up in America, currency benefits and a modest improvement in UK bricks, tiles and aggregates to help pre-tax profits climb to £100 million (£88.5 million). Market forecasts range from £95 million to £100 million. A maintained interim dividend of 8.25p is widely predicted.

Mr Hake said Germany, which accounts for nearly half of group profits, remains Redland's true divisional powerhouse. He thinks recovery will come from there despite a slowdown in growth, as demand from the east offsets weakness in the west. On the down side, prospects for the French business that came with Steetley remain gloomy.

Interims: Atlas Converting Equipment, Cambridge Isotope, Camellia, Forte, French Connection, Helical Bar, Huntleigh Technology, Redland, Rutland Trust, Sherwood Group, Storm Group, Sykes-Pickavant, Trinity Holdings, Jo Walker, Waterhouse Group, Welpac. **Finals:** CH Bailey, Betacom, Eleco Holdings, Hidong Estate, Markheath, FW Thorpe. **Economic statistics:** Economic trends (September), monthly digest of statistics (September), profitability of UK companies (1992), new earnings survey 1993 part A, new vehicle registrations (August).

FRIDAY

Interims: Abtrust Euro Index, Ash & Lacy, Beauford, Carlisle Group, Horace Clarkson, Fairbriar, Tanjong. **Finals:** Norex.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Shops 'face another five years of tough trading'

BRITISH retailers face a tough trading climate over the next five years, with real sales growth running at little more than 2 per cent a year, according to forecasts from Verdict, the retail consultant. The report also disputes the latest official statistics, which claim that year-on-year sales volumes are up by 3.1 per cent. Verdict says its analysis suggests the figure is closer to 2 per cent.

The company believes the difficulties faced by retailers will not disappear as the country comes out of recession. Consumers are now "poorer and older" than they were, and there is chronic overcapacity in the industry following the race for space in the eighties. "Overcapacity, coupled with a low-growth economic outlook is ensuring that this is very much a buyer's market," the report says. "For the first time in decades, the customer really is king." Verdict predicts intense competition as retailers are forced to poach customers from their rivals to ensure growth. **Tempus, page 42**

Steel takeover talks

THE German government and the Treuhand privatisation agency are trying to reach a compromise with the EC over the future of Eko Stahl, the east German steelmaker, with the help of Riva, the Italian steel firm. According to documents from those involved in the EC steel talks made available to Reuters, Riva is willing to take over and strengthen Eko Stahl. In return for EC approval for high state subsidies to strengthen the firm, Riva would agree to shut down its hot rolling capacity at its Hennigsdorf steel plant.

Koch may bid for MGM

WILLIAM Koch, one of America's richest men who successfully skippered the San Diego Yacht Club's defence of the 1992 America's Cup, is considering a bid for MGM. The loss-making studio is owned by Crédit Lyonnais, the French state bank. Mr Koch has asked International Creative Management, a Hollywood talent agency, to explore a possible offer for MGM. MGM said yesterday: "He has not approached the studio or the bank and the bank have made it clear the studio is not for sale."

Fiat ready for sell-offs

FIAT, Italy's leading carmaker, is tomorrow expected to unveil a loss for the first half of this year, a development that could open the way for large-scale disposals of non-core businesses. Giovanni Agnelli, chairman, has for some time been considering the disposal of Toro Assicurazioni, Fiat's insurance business and La Rinascente, its wholesaling and retailing arm, which together account for 10 per cent of revenue. Fiat had previously made clear that large disposals while it was still in profit would mean onerous tax treatment.

Rise in jobless forecast

UNEMPLOYMENT will increase over the next three months, before starting to fall steeply next year, according to David Kern, NatWest's chief economist. In a preview of forecasts due to be published in NatWest's *Economic and Financial Outlook*, Mr Kern says that unemployment will rise by about 20,000 in the final months of 1993 before falling by around 125,000 next year. Unemployment will rise to 2.945 million by the end of 1993, before dropping back to 2.82 million by the end of next year.

Dunkeld buyout cheer

THE future for 570 employees at Dunkeld Group looks more secure after the clothing group, which went into administrative receivership last month, reached agreement in principle for a management buyout team led by Bill Walker and Graham Hudson, divisional managing directors, to acquire the assets of the shirts and swimwear divisions. The shirt division markets shirts under the Ben Sherman, Tern, Pierre Balmain, Indigo Jones and Panache labels. The swimwear division trades as Slix and Neal & Cooper.

GILT EDGED

Political uncertainty points to short end

The gilts market has regained its composure after the sharp sell-off it accompanied the disappointing retail price figure two eks ago. It has been helped, wever, by renewed worries er Russia, as the UK is seen a "safe haven" in Europe; at fundamental level, new certainties have crept in. e comfortable scenario of oderate non-inflationary owth, which appeared well ablished only a month ago, being called into question.

Uncertainty number one: hat is happening in the real onomy? The second-quarter tional accounts, published t Tuesday, suggested that DP was strong in the first lf. Taken at face value, these ures give credibility to the nsensus view that the econoy will grow by around 1.75 r cent this year. However, hile GDP forecasts look out right, something exordinary is happening to nports. The Treasury, for ample, forecast in March at import volumes would e 4.75 per cent this year, cause of a pick-up in domesdemand.

In the event, imports have so declined by 5.5 per cent. t before we give three eers and claim devaluation s worked, we ought to member that the start-up of e single market has created ta problems and the sharp ll in the pound may be aking it difficult to distinish between value and volne movements. If imports e subsequently revised up, DP will probably have to be vised down.

Nevertheless, we do believe at activity recovered in the st half as other indicators rroborate the general messe. However, this is already story as far as the market is concerned, and more up-to-date information indicates that the recovery may be faltering. For example, recent figures have shown a flattening-off in manufacturing production, and unemployment, which had been falling earlier in the year, rose in July and August. Company statements sound as cautious as ever, the CBI has reported a sharp drop in export orders and a number of car manufacturers have announced production cutbacks. Moreover, consumer confidence has weakened again.

The next uncertainty is inflation. The headline rate is bound to drift up over the next six months, as the impact of last year's mortgage rate cuts drops out of the year-on-year

"A leadership contest before the Budget would bring about a difficult environment"

calculation. The market may be able to live with this as long as the rate excluding mortgages does not rise. Unfortunately, if one abstracts from the distortion caused by the change-over from the community charge to the council tax, the underlying inflation rate is already above 3.5 per cent and the plan to extend VAT to domestic fuel will almost certainly result in the government's 4 per cent ceiling being broken.

Even so, it would be wrong to overstate the real inflation risk, given that the planned tax increases, at the moment equivalent to 1 per cent of GDP, will restrain consumer spending. Indeed, consumer spending could grow more slowly next year than it has done this year. And remember, Mr Clarke says that if growth is weak he will raise taxes even more!

There will be little new economic data over the next couple of weeks, so the focus is shifting to the political arena. At other times, the troubles the prime minister is enduring would have turned market thoughts towards a base rate cut. However, the consensus view is that Mr Lamont's comments about political manipulation of monetary policy, coupled with the recent disappointing retail price figure, mean the government cannot contemplate a rate cut.

An added complication is that, if Mr Major were to be ousted, the very man thought most likely to replace him is currently in charge of economic policy. In our opinion, the timing of a leadership challenge — just before the Budget — would create a difficult market environment and complicate any decision on base rates.

Wednesday's auction of ten-year stock — the first since July — will allow a better gauging of investor demand. The signs are that it will go well, but this reflects demand from investors switching out of German bonds because of the Russian situation. Such demand may not last long and investors will remain cautious about the long end because, once fear of inflation has been reignited, it cannot easily be put out.

The chance of a further base rate cut remains high although it may not come until the tax increases start to bite next year. Investors would do well to position themselves in shorter-dated maturities.

GLENN DAVIES
Crédit Lyonnais

Alliance Gas sales on target

BY GEORGE SIVELL
ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

ALLIANCE Gas, the joint venture set up last year between BP, Statoil, the Norwegian state oil group, and Norsk Hydro, to compete with British Gas, has already achieved two thirds of its target penetration for its market.

The joint venture, which will today celebrate the purchase of the Hyde gas field in the North Sea, is claiming a 10 per cent volume share of the British commercial gas market, defined as consumers of gas between 2,500 and 25,000 therms a year. Alliance is also claiming an 8 per cent share of the market for industrial users, those consuming more than 25,000 therms annually.

When it was set up in May 1992, Alliance Gas said it was aiming for a 15 per cent market share. The market was subsequently opened up to competition in August 1992. British Gas estimates that at the end of June, 15 per cent of sales in the 2,500-25,000 therm market were supplied by rivals through the British Gas network, a rise from 5 per cent in December 1992.

British Gas says that by the end of June this year 57 per cent of firm contract gas sales were supplied by other traders through British Gas pipelines, a rise from the 48 per cent figure British Gas calculated at the end of December 1992. About 34 per cent of total contract sales are now provided by British Gas competitors, against the requirement that British Gas has to shed 60 per cent of the total contract market by 1995.

Kris Marce, managing director of Alliance, said: "Our customers in all markets have in total saved more than £15 million off their gas bills by switching to Alliance."

Wankie Colliery Company Limited

(Incorporated in Zimbabwe)

STATEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS

The company's unaudited results for the six months ended 31st August 1993 with the appropriate comparisons for the previous periods were as follows:

	6 months ended 31.8.93	6 months ended 31.8.92	Year ended 28.2.93
SALES			
Coal tonnes	2,173,576	2,309,765	4,362,334
Coke tonnes	44,061	61,488	105,195
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	$000	$000	$000
Sales Value (F.O.R.)	222,342	140,783	284,112
Profit before interest	80,774	33,032	73,852
Net interest	6,870	6,674	21,874
Profit after interest	73,904	26,358	51,978
Ordinary dividend	4,391	–	2,393
	69,513	26,358	49,585
	Cents	Cents	Cents
Earnings per share	154	55	109
Dividend per ordinary share	10	–	5
SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET	$000	$000	$000
Capital employed:			
Share capital	42,223	42,223	42,223
Reserves and retained profits	1,026,545	422,672	445,900
Shareholders' equity	1,068,768	464,895	488,123
Long and medium term loans	74,313	24,471	49,552
	1,143,081	489,366	537,675
Represented by:			
Fixed assets and investments	995,132	483,625	495,584
Net current Assets	147,949	5,741	42,091
	1,143,081	489,366	537,675

EARNINGS PER SHARE
The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit of $73,904,000 (1992 - $26,358,000) and the weighted average of 47,852,677 shares (1992 - 47,852,677) in issue during the year. For purposes of calculating the number of shares, effect has been given to the special rights attached to the 'A' ordinary shares.

TAXATION
No income tax is payable as the company has an assessable loss.

COMMENT.
The volume of coal sales for the six months ended 31st August 1993 was 6% lower than for the same period last year. WCC coal sales were 17% below actual sales for the same period last year. Production and cashflow constraints had a negative impact on WCC coal sales. HPS coal sales were however 8% above the sales for the same period last year.

Coke sales were 28% lower than for the same period last year due to lower demand on the local market and the unstable political situation in Zaire. The build up of coke stockpiles to 146,283 tonnes is of major concern and efforts are being made to look for markets both in the region and overseas.

Turnover and profit for six months ended 31st August were 58% and 157% higher than for the same period last year. This was due to a combination of the price increase and cost control measures. Certain major maintenance work was deferred due to cashflow problems, and this also contributed to the profit. Although the cost control measures will continue to be exercised, necessary maintenance work will have to be carried out to ensure smooth operations of the company.

During the period under review we were owed substantial sums of money by one of our major customers. This amount has since been paid and this will undoubtedly improve the company's cashflow position.

Part of the supplementary stripping equipment was delivered and commissioned in June 1993 and the balance of the equipment which includes a BE 195B shovel will be delivered in the latter part of the year.

All Gaskline Project agreements including the Government Guarantees are now in place. Loans to finance the project have been successfully negotiated and signed with the Commonwealth Development Corporation and West Merchant Bank, both of United Kingdom

A decision has now been taken to incorporate revaluation of plant and equipment in the accounts and this together with land and buildings has resulted in an overall revaluation surplus of $757,179,000.

An extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be called shortly to consider proposals of share capital restructuring as reported by the Chairman in the 1993 annual report.

FUTURE OUTLOOK
Indications are that the coal demand will continue to firm in all sectors of the market during the second half of the year and the results are expected to be reasonable.

DECLARATION OF INTERIM DIVIDENDS NOS 126,127 AND 11
Notice is hereby given that interim dividends numbered 126 of 3 cents per share and 127 of 7 cents per share, payable on the ordinary shares, and no. 11 of 4 cents per share, payable on the 'A' ordinary shares be and are hereby declared in respect of six months ended 31st August 1993. The dividends will be paid to shareholders registered at the close of business on 22nd October 1993. The transfer books and register of members will be closed from 23rd October 1993 to 27th October 1993, both dates inclusive, and divided warrants will be posted to members on or about 9th November 1993. The dividends payable to non-resident shareholders will be paid in accordance with Exchange Control Regulations. Shareholders' tax of 20% will be deducted where applicable.

In declaring the dividends cognizance has been taken of the need to conserve cash resources in order to reduce high cost short term borrowings and clear suppliers' long overdue accounts.

After the declaration of dividend no. 11, dividends paid to each 'A' ordinary share will exceed total dividend paid on a ordinary share by 20 cents. The 'A' ordinary shares will rank pari passu with the ordinary shares with effect from 25th September 1993.

By order of the Board
C.T.N. WARATAGORE
Secretary

24th September 1993
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Directors: N.Xudenga (Chairman), O.K.Bwerinofa (Managing), D.L.Fry, Dr.P.Munatswenyu, D.E.H.Murangan, F.M.Nelmath, A.F.B.Ravenscroft, Prof J.G.Voss.

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The IMF, World Bank and G7 must be brought up to date

Wolfgang Münchau

thinks the international institutions have lost touch with their founding principles in today's economic environment

Year-in, year-out, the world's finance ministers and central bankers come to Washington for the autumn meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in pursuit of an agenda with predictable tedium. Each year, they emphasise the need for more economic growth and more jobs: they discuss Russia or whichever country is currently in the news; or the latest strategy for the third world. When it is all over and the crates of Chardonnay are emptied, as they will be tomorrow, they go home and continue to disregard whichever recommendation they had supported. Next year, they will meet again.

This view is admittedly somewhat pessimistic and simplistic, but it does reflect growing criticism among observers of the feasts that these meetings have lost their sense of direction and purpose. This is not so much a criticism of those who work inside these institutions, but of the international community as their paymaster.

The early 1990s have been a time of upheaval, recession and the destruction of one Cold War certainty after another. Yet, these two quintessentially Cold-War edifices have been able to escape the domino-effect. The question worth asking is do we still need them? If we do, what should their mandate be and how they should be organised.

Today's disillusionment contrasts starkly with the hopes and expectations with which the Bretton Woods institutions were set up after the second world war. The Bretton Woods system, the IMF and the World Bank were all up and running in a few years, a swift and correct response to a fundamentally changed political and economic environment. The end of the Cold War has so far not brought about a similar sense of urgency. The Group of Seven is not co-ordinating economic policy in the way it should; the World Bank's record in alleviating poverty is dismal: and the objectives of the IMF, as set out in its articles of association, to promote international monetary co-operation, to encourage economic growth, to promote exchange stability, and "to give confidence to members" through various assistance programmes do not reflect today's economic reality.

Hence, the need for reform. There is growing sense among international economists that it is do-or-die time for the IMF. Either, it receives real powers to police international economic co-operation, or it will perish as an independent institution, possibly submerged into the World Bank. And why not?

The impotence of these institutions is especially pronounced in times of rising protectionism, to which they have no answer, let alone a policy, since trade is not part of their remit. Finance ministers tend to have libertarian economic convictions, unlike trade officials, who frequently have no convictions whatsoever and who are prone to succumb to domestic lobbying. Today, only a few blocks away from the IMF convention, Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, will meet Mickey Kantor, his US counterpart, to discuss whether to "re-interpret" the Blair House agreement on agricultural subsidies, while the finance ministers will stand by, shake their heads and write into their communiques, as they do every year, how important Gatt is.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that trade and financial policies are pulling in different directions. Much of the foreign aid we give is cancelled out by the high tariffs we receive back, which puts into question many self-congratulory notions about the North helping the South or the West helping the East. In some cases, we commit the hypocrisy of subsidising developing world industries, whose products we subsequently ban from our home markets for domestic political reasons.

One radical and intriguing solution to this dilemma would be to combine Gatt, the IMF and the World Bank into a single institute, with a joint set of objectives and a single board of governors. A streamlined institution with an agreed (and limited) supranational mandate could be far more effective than the growing number of international and multilateral institutions that pull in different directions.

The essential question is whether such an institute should be endowed with the authority to co-ordinate, and if necessary to impose, economic policy. An international institution with teeth would have demanded a change in German monetary policy some time ago, it would have imposed economic liberalisation in Japan and a tax increase in the US. Each would have been economically defensible, but politically, a disaster.

Still, a single economic institute, which derived authority from its competence, would be preferable to the current setup. A similar debate has been going on over the establishment of a general secretariat for the G7. Proponents argue that this would give the G7 a sense of direction and continuity: provide it with a solid political foundation for policy co-operation: turn policy co-operation into an on-going concern; and police the implementation of the recommendations. More likely though, it would add yet another layer of bureaucracy and turn the G7 into a competitor for the IMF. G7 started off as an informal exchange of opinions among world leaders, then turned into a forum for policy co-ordination before degenerating into a photo-opportunity. The real question is whether the G7 is terminally ill or already dead. Debating its organisation seems extravagant.

At the IMF, there is similar lack of direction: its remorseless insistence on stabilisation policies without regard for the political consequences has already led to an erosion of popular support for the politics of economic change. It would be interesting to see how long the Russians would take to abandon President Yeltsin should he let the recently recalled Yegor Gaidar off the leash with his reform policies. In many other parts of the developing world, which are of less strategic importance than Russia or central Europe, the IMF and the World Bank have long ceased to be regarded as friendly helpers. The policy of "structural adjustment" has had its disasters, and nowhere more than in Africa.

It does not take a *World Economic Outlook* to sense that growth remains sluggish in the developed world, while elsewhere poverty levels are still rising — if at a slower rate than previously. Partly to blame is the World Bank, having wasted a whole decade with voodoo economics before recognising poverty as an issue that deserves to be tackled directly rather than through policies that stimulate growth, let alone those that merely reduce inflation.

In 1945, it was a sense of urgency and a recognition of the historic upheavals (especially in the thinking behind economic policy) that led to the establishment of the current system — except for G7, which grew out of the economic crisis in the 1970s. Despite unprecedented levels of poverty and unemployment, a similar sense of urgency is absent from today's economic debate. If the Bretton Woods institutions do not take some of their own medicine and undergo structural adjustment, they are likely to suffer the same fate as the exchange-rate system to which they owed their existence.



Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has been meeting G7 colleagues

TEMPUS

Pause for reflection

ADMINISTRATORS of the Maxwell companies are leaving nothing to chance in the sale of their majority stake in Mirror Group Newspapers. Not content with the placing power of Cazenove, Warburg and James Capel, five other securities firms, including Japanese and Swiss houses, are to lend their muscle to selling shares that are likely to go for less than £400 million.

If this is overkill, it may only reflect the vendors' natural caution and the complexity of the Maxwell empire, whose collapse has been such a boon to professional advisers. From today, Rothschild and Cazenove will solicit bids from institutions for the shares, which have doubled in stock market value since the start of the year. The administrators hope that the placing itself, and the settlement earlier this month of the outstanding dispute with the Maxwell companies, will create enough good feeling to send bids above Friday's closing price of 178p. Eliminating the Maxwell factor, says the bull scenario, combined with the benefits of a cost-conscious management and greater liquidity in the shares, should lift MGN stock to a premium. On some brokers' forecasts of £80 million-plus pre-tax profits for 1994, the shares are at 12.4 times earnings, significantly below The Telegraph and United Newspapers.

Dividends, or rather the lack of them, spoil the picture. MGN in its current mould is a potential cash cow and generated net cash of £42 million in the half year to June, but it needs to service borrowings of £350 million and then to make steeply rising payments over 14 years to meet the pension fund deficit. Without a divi, a further rerating of MGN depends on strong growth in profits, a difficult challenge in the face of threats from VAT and price-cutting.

For MGN to really grow, it needs to add to its stable. That means spending money, which may explain why the success of the placing is important not just to the administrators but to MGN itself. Potential investors should bear in mind that the brokers often ring twice.

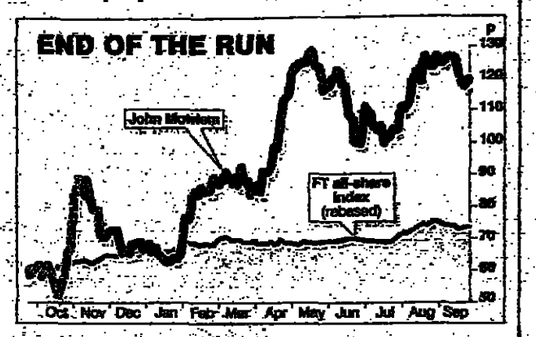
John Mowlem

THE market is beginning to take heed of the problems facing John Mowlem. Its shares dipped 8p to 112p on Friday's news of losses of £42 million but the headline figure, which includes a goodwill write-off relating to the sale of HSS, matters less than the group's prospects in a lacklustre environment.

Having sold its most promising business to bring borrowings down to a manageable level, Mowlem has two core businesses, construction and scaffolding. The former is cash generative, although not yet making a profit on trading, but the company lost £7 million on contract scaffolding in the UK. The division is expected to suffer major restructuring costs, queering the pitch for recovery this year.

Mowlem's new managing director is taking steps to improve the cost structure in scaffolding and a go-ahead for the Jubilee Line should bring a useful £40 million boost to the order book. But Mowlem, like its peers, still faces a new building famine.

New private sector development is unlikely to resume until rents start to climb, a prospect still 18 months to two years away. Meanwhile, recovery in housing has slowed and the London City Airport continues to haemorrhage cash. The docklands airstrip needs to double passenger throughput to make a profit. In the circumstances, Mowlem's decision to pay a dividend looks like an unnecessary act of hubris.



Stores

THE latest forecasts from Verdict are an important warning to British retailers. Today's tough market is here to stay. The mantra for every retailer is — cut costs, cut prices, improve the product.

Few retail chief executives appear to be repeating that simple refrain to themselves often enough. Hence the tide of overseas retailers queuing to bring low-cost formats to British shores. Costco, Aldi and Ed's are eager to repeat the damage done in recent years to indigenous retailers by Toys R Us and Ikea.

The difficulties facing the food retailers, with intensified competition and downward pressure on prices, have been well-documented, but are not unique to the grocery sector. Cutting prices is only half the battle, and the easiest part too. Where British retailers have failed is in bringing operating costs down with prices. In America, leading retailers such as Walmart boast of falls in gross margin as proof of their competitive pricing. Lower gross margins do not automatically mean lower profits provided the savings are made in systems, supply chain management and distribution. If British retailers are to prosper in the the low-growth nineties this is a lesson they need to learn fast.

Willis Corroon

SELLING off a highly profitable underwriting business just as insurance markets are recovering sounds odd. But shares in Willis Corroon enjoyed a desultory rise on Friday after the insurance broking group announced the sale of Gryphon Holdings, a specialist US underwriter which contributed almost £10 million to group profits of £68 million last year.

Unlike rival Sedgwick, Willis has not raised any cash this year and has a weak balance sheet. Selling half its stake in the US underwriter via a public offer could generate more than £25 million on an $80 million valuation of Gryphon. Willis will also cut exposure to underwriting risks, focusing on higher-quality profits from broking commission.

In the UK, Willis has seen a recovery in profits but the group is still suffering from low premium rates in America. Meanwhile, it needs to reduce costs to cut its expense ratio and boost margins.

While the Gryphon sale will release funds to invest in broking, the US offering will have an immediate negative impact on earnings. Willis will be losing half of the profits from the US underwriting businesses, a factor that has not been taken into account in its share price, currently at a multiple of 18 times likely 1994 earnings.

BUSINESS LETTERS

How to nail jelly to Bank of England ceiling

From Mr Stephen Alexander

Sir, Eddie George has called in the senior executives of the clearing banks as part of a fact-finding mission aimed at finding out if there is a gap in providing financial assistance to small companies (September 22). Next week, how to nail a jelly to the ceiling?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN ALEXANDER,
The Coach House,
Blackwell, Bromsgrove.

Charities should not supply accounts with every request for a donation

From Mr Richard Radcliffe

Sir, I was astonished by Alec Reed's statement (Accountancy, September 23) that "it should be illegal for any charity to ask for donations without including a copy of the accounts" whilst at the same time calling for "greater levels of efficiency".

Can you imagine, when mailing thousands of supporters, the cost of including accounts in every letter sent? And what of the millions of volunteers carrying out public collections in the street and from house to house — should they carry round barrow-loads of accounts?

The only beneficiaries would be the printers.

Having just reviewed over 350 charity annual report and accounts as a judge for the ICAEW annual report and accounts competition, what is far more important is the way accountability is expressed.

The annual report and accounts is a potentially very useful document for every charity. But many continue to publish useless documents which waffle on for pages and pages providing little or no useful information for either existing or potential supporters. In addition, an alarmingly small minority manage to comply with existing "best practice" recommendations set out in the current SORP2 which has been in existence since 1988.

What is needed is a clear, concise focus on the achievement of the charity over the last year and a look forward as to what the charity is aiming to achieve the following year. The income and expenditure account should then confirm that the activities over the last 12 months have been carried out economically, efficiently and effectively; with the balance sheet confirming prudent management and use of assets.

Perhaps charities would like our free guide on such matters.

Yours faithfully,
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Tax incentive meddling is counter-productive

From Mr James Cane

Sir, Graham Searjeant ('A big idea that taxpayers cannot afford') is right in his conclusion. The tax system should provide the framework, not the detail. Each attempt by tax legislation to encourage specific behaviour has been outwitted, and ends up only benefiting those who receive good advice.

Can the government be helped to understand that meddling in tax 'incentives' such as BES, PEP, PRP, TESSA, EZ is counter-productive? It must concentrate on the broad tax issues, enabling individuals to make decisions within a consistent and rational framework.

Yours faithfully,
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

FABIFORM
(c) Bean-shaped, shaped like a bean, from the Latin *faba* a bean + *-form*: "Short in a side-view, very fabiform." "Corpus Luteum is somewhat fabiform, of a dull yellow tint."

GLEBOUS
(a) Full of clods, like the staff-room at lunch-time, from the Latin *glēbōsus* clod-like, earthy, *glēba* glebe or clods: "Flame-coloured animals are generated in fire and such as are glebous [Latin *glebulenta*] in earth."

OSOTOGARI
(c) The name of a throw in Judo, from the Japanese *o* grand + *soto* outside + *gari* from *kari* to mow or reap: "Should you anticipate your opponent's attempted Osotogari, then just at the moment when he is contemplating the reaping action with his right leg, swiftly pull him near you to counter."

PARADIASTOLE
(c) A euphemistic half-truth, a rhetorical figure in which a favourable turn is given to something unfavourable by the use of an expression that conveys only part of the truth, from the Greek *paradiastolē* the putting together of dissimilar things, as when one calls a crafty person, wise; a bold fellow, courageous; and a prodigal man, liberal. For example: "Dear girl, you look fantastic in your new dress. No really, I mean it. Paradiastoles are the lowest form of compliment."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
White sets up a skewer with 1 Rf5! Rxf5 2 exf5 and now after 2 ... h2 3 f8/Q h1/Q White picks up the queen with 4 Qa8+.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

High-powered thinkers link up

SIR Trevor Holdsworth, National Power's chairman, visits the refurbished Mansion House today to launch a think tank for industry. The Foundation for Manufacturing and Industry aims to, for the first time, focus the interests of UK manufacturers. Sir Trevor chairs an advisory council including Tony Hales, (Allied-Lyons), Nigel Rudd (Williams Holdings) and Sir Michael Richardson (Smith New Court). Lending a hand is Sir Francis McWilliams, the Lord Mayor, a longtime backer of closer links between City and factory. "We're drawing on talent from the City, industry, academia and the civil service," says Liz Amos, foundation director. "There is no equivalent body in the UK."

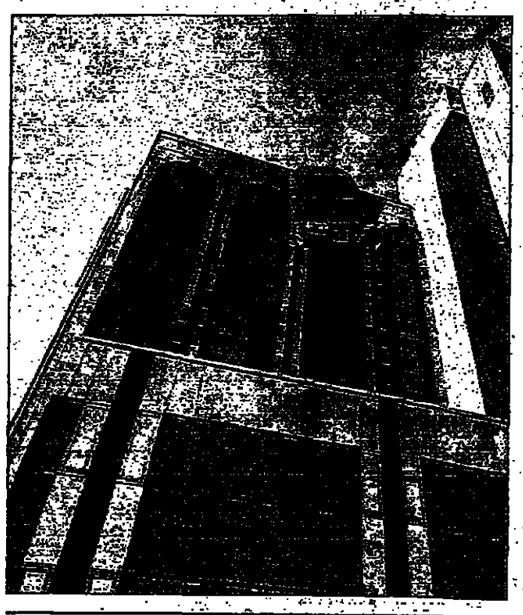
Beats popcorn

ANALYSTS will be marking up forecasts for Savoy Group, after the all-night bash for the reopening of the Warner West End cinema in Leicester Square. The 1,100 guests who trooped down to the Savoy for the festivities — the Princess of Wales and Clint Eastwood among them — worked their way through 550 bottles of champagne, 700 bottles of wine, up to 4,000 bottles of American beer, 700 lobsters, 80 chickens, 2,500 Mediterranean prawns, and 800 scallops. Pass the Alka Seltzer ...

Wedding Bell

HAPPY scenes in Oxford at the weekend as Matthew Smallwood, of College Hill Associates, the City PR firm, tied the knot with Kathrin Bell, its in-house cook. The youthful, rotund Smallwood proves, it seems, that the way to a man's heart is via his stomach. His boss, Alex Sandberg, read a lesson from the Old Testament at the ceremony, and the newlyweds were whisked away by the City veteran John "Fingers" Fingleton in his prized Bentley.

An Australian finance company has given staff a booklet on first aid and what do in an emergency. The blurb promises "universally practised procedures for the initial treatment of some common injuries and ailments". The entry for Collapse states: "Shake the victim and shout: 'Are you all right?'."



How an adman parks a Volvo

COULD the imminent merger with Renault, the French state-owned car giant, have inspired Volvo of Sweden to new heights? The latest Volvo television advertisement, released two weeks ago, shows a red Volvo 400 sailing off the top of a 12-storey building on to a big, protective airbag. The reality, it seems, is more mundane. The ad, filmed at the Vantage West building, off the A4 in west London, involved five cars, took a week to film, and was rather less risky than it appears. "We took a car to the edge by crane and then guided it down by wires," a spokesman says. "We then dropped it the final 20ft with a driver inside." Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO, Volvo's long-standing advertising agency, dreamt up the sequence ... and no one is saying how much it cost.

High flyers both

THE choice of Allison O'Neill for the 1993 High Flier Award brings another City star to mind. Helen Sinclair-Page, an investment executive with 3i, spent a year at the INSEAD business school at Fontainebleau, after winning in 1989. About that time, she began a London-based chain of bagel shops, Bagel Express, with her husband, David, whose father, Neil Sinclair, is a partner in Berwin Leighton, the solicitor. "We started with a little shop in Victoria," says Sinclair-Page, 27, formerly of Security Pacific. "We now have five and are looking to double the size in the next 12 months." O'Neill is down for an MBA course at INSEAD, courtesy of Arthur Andersen and *Cosmopolitan*.

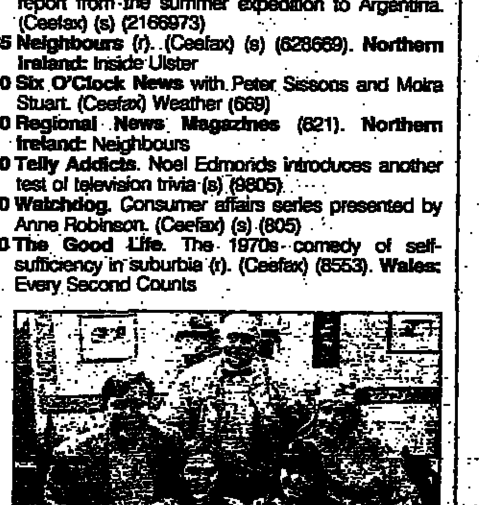
Strategist's move

ANOTHER departure at the Japanese broking house Nikko Europe. Peter Thorne, a market strategist, is off to Paribas to analyse UK and northern European banking. "Nikko has been a very enjoyable place to work, but Paribas made me a good job offer," says Thorne, 35. Nikko recently lost Andrew Porter, star pharmaceuticals analyst, to UBS. At NatWest Markets, Patrick Wellington is to head UK equity research now that Bob Semple is forming an economics unit.

JON ASHWORTH

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (75832)
7.00 Breakfast News (33110195)
9.05 King of the Road. Ross King finds out the secret passions of fellow morning presenters Jenni Barnett and Phillip Schofield (1676263)
9.30 Labour Live. The opening session of the Labour party conference in Brighton (s) (61466)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1349398) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7119973) **10.30 Bunyip** (r) (1522756)
10.35 Labour Live. Further coverage of the Labour party conference in Brighton (s). With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (59484553) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29200008)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (58553)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61740669) **1.50 Going For Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (61744485)
2.15 Knots Landing. Drama serial spin-off from the *Dallas* saga (s) (9007331) **3.05 Pot Black.** Terry Griffiths v Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry v Gary Wilkinson (s) (1622843)
3.50 Juniper Jungle (r) (s) (4550669) **3.55 Bodger and Badger** (s) (3847832) **4.05 Greedysaurus and the Gang.** The first of a new cartoon adventure series (9265485) **4.10 Star Pets.** Peter Simon begins a new quest to find talented pets (s) (8100973) **4.35 Albert the 5th Musketeer** (1998447)
5.00 Newsround (5101060) **5.10 Blue Peter.** Includes a report from the summer expedition to Argentina. (Ceefax) (s) (2166973)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (628669). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (669)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (621). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds introduces another test of television trivia (s) (9805)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (805)
8.00 The Good Life. The 1970s comedy of self-sufficiency in suburbia (r). (Ceefax) (8553). **Wales:** Every Second Counts

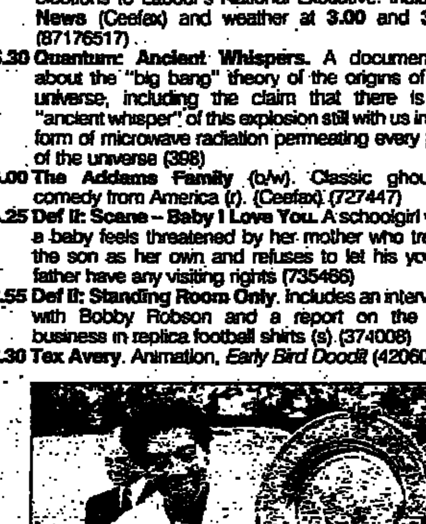


Hard times for Ray Winstone, left (8.30pm)

8.30 Get Back. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (7060)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (2114)
9.30 Panorama. A topical issue is investigated (290195)
10.10 A Sense of Guilt. Episode four of the seven-part drama about the damaging consequences of adultery. Starring Trevor Eve, Lisa Harrow and Rudi Davies (r). (Ceefax) (454466). **Northern Ireland:** Back Page 10.35 A Sense of Guilt 11.25 Film 93 11.55-12.40am Cagney and Lacey
11.00 Film 93 With Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *This Boy's Life*, *Like Water for Chocolate* and the re-released *An Affair to Remember* (s) (4331)
11.30 Film: The Kidnapping of the President (1980) starring William Shatner, Van Johnson and Ava Gardner. Heavygoing thriller about an Argentinian terrorist who kidnaps the American president while he is visiting Toronto. Secret Servicemen begin negotiations but the vice-president is not eager that his boss be released. Directed by George Mendeluk (s) (263992) **1.20am Weather** (5374886)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (70515)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2681114)
8.00 Breakfast News (1629945)
8.15 Grand Prix From Portugal. Highlights (r) (6026008)
8.50 A Week To Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (2562911) **9.00 A Day In the Life Of.** Terry Cloud, a swimming pool supervisor (r) (6998447)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes, plus, for young children **1.20** Gordon T Gopher (74921263) **1.30** Christopher Crocodile (52449805) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (52448176)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60146350) **2.05 Numbertime** (r) (42267701)
2.15 Labour Live The afternoon session ends with the elections to Labour's National Executive. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (87176517)
5.30 Quantum: Ancient Whispers. A documentary about the "big bang" theory of the origins of the universe, including the claim that there is an "ancient whisper" of this explosion still with us in the form of microwave radiation permeating every part of the universe (398)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Classic ghoulish comedy from America (r). (Ceefax) (727447)
6.25 Def II: Scene – Baby I Love You. A schoolgirl with a baby feels threatened by her mother who treats the son as her own and refuses to let his young father have any visiting rights (735466)
6.55 Def II: Standing Room Only. Includes an interview with Bobby Robson and a report on the big business in replica football shirts (s) (374008)
7.30 Tex Avery. Animation, *Early Bird Dood It* (420602)



Althea Gibson wins at Wimbledon (7.40pm)

7.40 Will To Win. A series celebrating black sporting achievement. This week's edition examines the American athletes who had to fight for their rightful place in sporting history. These included the baseball player Jackie Robinson and the tennis star Althea Gibson (s) (153843)
8.30 Film: Trenchcoat In Paradise (1989) starring Dirk Benedict and Bruce Dern. Routine comedy thriller about a downbeat private detective who moves to Hawaii to escape the Mob and becomes involved in intrigue and murder. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Ceefax) (83669)
10.00 Newman and Baddiel In Pieces. Off-beat comedy series starring Rob Newman and David Baddiel. (Ceefax) (s) (22089)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman in the studio and Peter Snow at the Labour party conference in Brighton. (Ceefax) (337485)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (464263) **11.55 Weather** (170602)
12.00 Childbirth and Contraception: Choices and Chances (r) (21190). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE



Robbie Coltrane has crime on his mind (ITV, 9.00pm)

Cracker
ITV, 9.00pm

Robbie Coltrane is not the first person you would think of to play a clinical psychologist, except perhaps in a comedy. *Cracker* is not a comedy but nor is Coltrane's Fitz everybody's idea of a psychologist. He has most of the vices (smoking, drinking, gambling), his idea of lecturing to students is to throw books at them and he is so boorish to his wife that she ups and leaves him. You soon get the idea. Fitz may be good at sorting out other people's lives but he is hopeless at running his own. In the opening story of Jimmy McGovern's Manchester-based series, Fitz helps the police to solve the linked murders of two young women. *Cracker* is a promising mixture of a standard plot, idiosyncratic hero and grainily-photographed locations.

Desmond's: A Class Act
Channel 4, 8.30pm

To be voted Channel 4's best sitcom is a back-handed compliment since the competition is not strong. But *Desmond's* deserves its plaudits. This new series is the fifth and the show seems in no danger of losing either its vitality or its engaging good humour. For any newcomers Desmond (Norman Beaton) runs a barber's shop in south London. Like most of the characters he is black but the series uses the fact mainly to render it unexceptional. These are people first and Afro-Caribbeans second. The rule is partly broken tonight when Desmond's son becomes a bank manager and suspects positive discrimination. But his *angst* is quickly subsumed as the cast lets its hair down and puts on a charity concert.

Prostitute
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The world's oldest profession is examined in a three-part series from France. British films about prostitution tend to emphasise the social conditions from which it springs. The women are often presented as victims of poverty and broken homes. None of this applies to tonight's subjects, Simone and Alexia, mainly because both are men. They are transvestites who felt at an early age that they would rather be women. Both are close to their mothers, which may explain something. They make no attempt to glamorise what they do. Instead they dwell on the loneliness and feeling of disgust. Simone says that prostitution is "the denial of the human being and of love". He lives alone and expects to die alone.

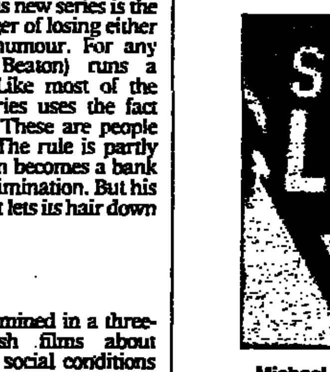
Get Back
BBC1, 8.30pm

The first series of the Laurence Marks-Maurice Gran sitcom started with Martin (Ray Winstone) losing his business because of the recession. Now Martin is on the dole again, but this time because the recession is lifting. He was a debt collector and fewer people are getting into debt. It is a good joke and more than enough to fuel tonight's plot in which Martin's wife (Carol Harrison) decides she has had enough and takes her daughters with her. We are very much in the territory of another Marks-Gran creation, *Birds of a Feather*. It is another study of a rough-edged, grin-and-bear-it London working class community which tries to anaesthetise its troubles by making desperate jokes about them.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include the actor David Suchet (1806076)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show set in a supermarket (s) (1672447) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7128621)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (8455973)
10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (65054337) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8414447)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2476027)
12.55 Coronation Street. A repeat of Friday's episode (Teletext) (2451718) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (66308553) **1.55 A Country Practice** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (61738824)
2.20 ITN News headlines (60153640) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60152911)
2.30 Capital Woman. Includes Shyama Perera with a warning about wearing trainers (s) (468) **3.00 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (2992)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (3554756) **3.40 Wizadora** (6097355) **3.50 Wowser** (r) (2762749) **4.00 Sooty & Co** with Matthew Corbett (s) (4554485) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (8123824) **4.50 How 2.** Facts with fun series (8244089)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2654824)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (238195)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (75669)
7.00 The Krypton Factor Gordon Burns introduces another round of the brain and brawn competition. Roy Barraclough and Annabel Giles appear in the memory playlet. (Teletext) (4973)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (973)

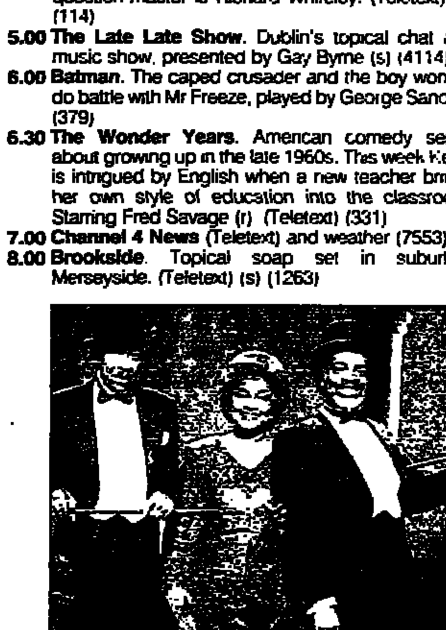


Michael Barrymore strikes a pose (8.00pm)

8.00 Strike It Lucky. The first of a new series of the quiz show hosted by the manic Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (3621)
8.30 World In Action: Life of Brian. An investigation into Brian Clough's management of Nottingham Forest (s) (2756)
9.00 Cracker. (Teletext) See Choice (5195)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (42843) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (162263)
10.40 Film: Iron Eagle II (1988) starring Louis Gossett Jr. Conventional action drama about a force of American and Soviet pilots on a mission to destroy a Middle East state's nuclear capacity. Directed by Sidney J. Furie (s) (56729089)
12.30 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (42393)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news stories (35886)
2.30 Sport AM. Rallying in Australia and European football (26044)
3.30 Videofashion. A visit to a fashion fair in Dusseldorf (83138)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (r) (s) (64003)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film news and reviews (r) (66312)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (39770)
5.30 ITN Morning News (26645). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon adventures of a crafty cat (2411843)
6.45 Wowser Animated canine capers (4960534)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (48176)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (29992)
9.30 Schools Geography Start Here! (2764447) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (2787398) **10.02** Science Start Here! (5109398) **10.18** World Studies (5188805) **10.40** The English Programme (2966114) **11.07** Time For Maths (4688060) **11.18** Your World (4602640) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (8347027) **11.45** Junior Technology (8335222)
12.00 Profiles of Nature A look at the life of the white tailed deer of America, from the spring fawns to the groups foraging together for winter feed (49756)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning series. The guest is the actor Robin Williams (r) (85447)
1.30 Bobobobs. Animated adventures of ecologically sound space aliens (r) (57263)
2.00 Film: Little Old New York (1940, b/w) starring Richard Greene and Alice Faye. Lightweight biopic of the British inventor who goes to America in 1807 and is helped by a New York tavern owner to launch the first steamboat. With Brenda Joyce and Andy Devine. Directed by Henry King (863379)
3.50 The Gulf. Derek Phillips's cartoon about the pros and cons of communication (4543379)
3.55 Garden Club. A repeat of Friday's edition in which the team meet greenfingered enthusiasts in Bolton. With Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs. (Teletext) (5492058)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. The question-master is Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (114)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and music show, presented by Gay Byrne (s) (4114)
6.00 Batman. The caped crusader and the boy wonder do battle with Mr Freeze, played by George Sanders (379)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series about growing up in the late 1960s. This week Kevin is intrigued by English when a new teacher brings her own style of education into the classroom. Starring Fred Savage (r) (Teletext) (331)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (7553)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (1263)



Beaton, left, in barbershop trio (8.30pm)

8.30 Desmond's. (Teletext) See Choice (7918)
9.00 Prostitute. In French with English subtitles. See Choice (3737)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. American drama series set in the Deep South at a time of racial unrest. This week Lilly is arrested after a public protest against segregation and Forrest finds himself with Lilly and his daughter in the midst of racial conflict. Starring Sam Waterston and Regina Taylor. (Teletext) (s) (6824)
11.00 The American Football Big Match introduced by Gary Imlach and Bob Golic (320805)
12.20am Midnight Underground. The fourth in the ten-part series of classic experimental films includes Sally Potter's *London Story* and Alnoor Dewshi's comic tale, *Latifer and Himli's Nomadic Uncle* (2917461). Ends at **1.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Student Guide with Maggie Shields **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Adrian Love **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford talks to Cilla Black **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz **10.00** Jazz Greats: The Chick Corea Story **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** Schools: English 9-11; **9.20** Infant History. **9.30** The Song Tree Music Course 1; **9.45** Lets Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Baby Talk. Leslie Ash presents a baby survival guide **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Lively Stories: A Martian Comes to Stay, by Penelope Lively. Read by Imelda Staunton **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News and Press Review in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News about Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Hoplite to Harrier: A Radio History of Warfare **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Western Philosophers in a Nutshell **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sport **11.01** Water **11.30** The Vintage Chart Show **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Let's Do the Show Right Here **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* **3.45** Points of the Compass **4.00** News **4.15** Lighten Our Darkness **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News in German **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Meridian **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Litmus Test **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Let's Do the Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** John Peel **5.00** News **5.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Spohr (Clarinet Concerto No 1 in C minor: Emma Johnson; ECO) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind: Wilhelm Furtwängler **8.00** Evening Concert: Gwendolyn Mok, piano; Philharmonia Orchestra under Geoffrey Simon performs Ravel (Piano Concerto in G); Borodin (Suite, Prince Igor) **10.00** Sarah Ward **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.30-3.00 The Good Yarn Show (468) **5.10-5.40** The Champions (2654824) **6.00** Home And Away (714973) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (983485) **10.30** Anglia News And Weather (162263) **10.40** Marquee (646534) **11.10** Crime Story (580640) **12.05am** Love And War (6181577) **12.35** Film: Blood Ties (7075935) **1.40** Sport AM (6892664) **2.40** Donahue (8766935) **3.30** The Beat (3723206) **4.25** Night Shift (93205799) **4.30** Riviera (82206003) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8057428)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61738824) **2.30** Highdays and Otherdays (468) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2992) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (2654824) **6.00** Home And Away (714973) **6.25-7.00** Central News (983485) **10.30** Central News (162263) **10.40** It's A Living (646534) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (219640) **12.10am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (6180848) **12.40** Get Wet (8743312) **1.10** Coach (3691770) **1.35** Film: The Devil's Daughter (8738732) **3.00** Sport AM (25409) **4.00** Job Finder (9968732) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1977190)

GRANADA
As London except: 2.30 Gardeners' Diary (468) **3.00-3.30** Sons And Daughters (2992) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2654824) **6.00** Home And Away (737) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (319) **10.30** Granada News (449824) **10.35** Granada Business Week (448195) **10.40** Being There (646534) **11.10** World Championship Boxing: Yuri Arbachekov v Ysaias Zamudio (568060) **12.00am** The Twilight Zone (7661886) **12.35** Film: Blood Ties (7075935) **1.40** Sport A.M. (6892664) **2.40** Donahue (8766935) **3.30** The Beat (3723206) **4.25** Night Shift (93205799) **4.30** Riviera (82206003) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8057428)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Yan Can Cook (468) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (75669) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (162263) **10.40** Married With Children (646534) **11.10** Foley Square (523350) **11.40** The War Of The Worlds (825350) **12.35am** Film: Blood Ties (7075935) **1.40** Sport AM (6892664) **2.40** Donahue (8766935) **3.30** The Beat (3723206) **4.25** Night Shift (93205799) **4.30** Riviera (82206003) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8057428)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (737) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (319) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (162263) **10.40** Dennis O'Neill (320195) **11.25-11.40** World Cup Hall Of Fame (426008)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.30 Houseparty (468) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (2992) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (481379) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (737) **6.30-7.00** Spirit Of The South (319) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (162263) **10.40** The Hidden Room (646534) **11.10** Confidential (523350) **11.40-12.30pm** Beverly Hills 90210 (450195) **2.30am-3.30** Sport A.M. (26044) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.35-3.00 An Invitation To Remember (3914973) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (639027) **6.30-7.00** It's A Vet's Life (319) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (162263) **10.40** The Twilight Zone (646534) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (580640) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (6181577) **12.35** Film: Too Many Lovers (415799) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (26044) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (3723206) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (9428119)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (61738824) **2.30** Gardening Time (468) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2992) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (75669) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (162263) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (646534) **11.10** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (580640) **12.05am** Coach (6193312) **12.30** My Story (5799180) **12.35** Film. Blood Ties (7075935) **1.40** Sport AM (6892664) **2.40** Donahue (8766935) **3.30** The Beat (3723206) **4.25** Night Shift (93205799) **4.30** Riviera (82206003) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8057428)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.35-3.00 An Invitation To Remember (3914973) **5.55** Calendar News (639027) **6.30-7.00** It's A Vet's Life (319) **10.40** The Twilight Zone (646534) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (580640) **12.05am** IndyCar 93 (6181577) **12.35** Film: Too Many Lovers (415799) **2.30** Entertainment U.K. (26044) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (3723206) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (9428119)

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Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (29992) **9.30** Schools (737843) **12.00pm** The Bluffers (1557602) **12.20** Home Concert For Three Fools (8412089) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (58992) **1.00** Roseanne (41263) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (57263) **2.00** Film. The Scarlet Pimpernel (872027) **3.45** Joe McDoakes (3531805) **4.00** Slot 23 (9640) **5.00** Batman (2379) **5.30** Countdown (466) **6.00** Newyddion (800244) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (892350) **6.25** Heno (981027) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5843) **7.30** Cymru (843) **8.00** Pen-Blwydd Hapus (1263) **8.30** Newyddion (7918) **9.00** Sgorio (3737) **10.00** Brookside (40485) **10.30** Cheers (36805) **11.00** American Football (616114) **12.10am** I'll Fly Away

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths Exam Revision **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents music, news and weather, including Philips (Pavan and Galliard Bassano: Parley of Instruments); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 1 in B flat, K207: Anne-Sofie Mutter; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Schnittke (Suite in the Old Style: Moscow Virtuosi under Vladimir Spivakov); Wagner (Overture, The Flying Dutchman: Philharmonia Orchestra under Otto Klemperer); Mendelssohn (Prelude and Fugue in G: Peter Hurford, organ); Vaughan Williams (Three Portraits, The England of Elizabeth: London Symphony Orchestra under André Previn)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Igor Stravinsky. William Mival presents Stravinsky's Suite, The Firebird (London Symphony Orchestra); Piano Concerto (Michel Béroff; Paris Orchestra); Requiem Canticles (Ithaca College Concert Choir; Columbia SO)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Artist of the Week: Rafael Kubelik. Dvořák (Slavonic Rhapsody No 3 in A flat minor); Brahms (Hungarian Dance No 20: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra); Kubelik (String Quartet No 2: Kocian Quartet); Smetana (Ma Vlast: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra)
12.00 The Violinist as Composer: Duncan Druce considers the output of Spohr, David and Joachim, three violinists in the 1800s who were also composers
1.00pm News 1.05 Schubert Piano Music: Paul Berkowitz plays Piano Sonata in A minor, D537; Hungarian Melody, D817; Piano Sonata in E flat, D568
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Matthias Bamert, with Tasmin Little, violin, performs Alexander Goehr (Deux Etudes); Hugh Wood (Violin Concerto, Op 17); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great)
3.45 Baroque Organ Music: Martin Haselböck plays Kerll (Battaglia; Variazioni Schmidt; Passacaglia in D minor; Capriccio Cucu) Georg Muffat (Toccata XI; Ciaccona; Toccata VII)
4.30 Keyboard à la King: In the second of six programmes on the piano style of Nat King Cole, Max Harrison explores Cole's work with other soloists
5.00 In Tune, with Rodney Slatford
7.30 Daphne, live from the Festival Hall. BBC Symphony Orchestra; BBC Symphony Chorus, men's voices, under Andrew Davis performs Strauss's one-act opera. With Janice Watson in the title role
9.30 Young Poets: Simon Armitage reads poems from his new collection of verse, *Book of Matches*
9.40 Endellion Quartet, with Kalman Berkes, clarinet, performs Haydn (String Quartet in G minor, Op 74 No 3, Rider); Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115)
10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 Music Restored: David Fallows introduces the fourth of ten programmes from this year's York Early Music Festival
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.30 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: Introducing Shakespeare

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Cuckoo in June: David Atkins's autobiography on the vicissitudes of being an English apple farmer. Read by Peter Jeffrey **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00-10.30 Inspiration (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Psalms. Read by David Suchet (1/8) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray and Angela Philips discuss why some boys grow up to become anti-social monsters. Incl **11.00 News**
11.20 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: London v the North **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Glamour: A dramatisation by Christopher Priest of his novel. Richard fights to regain his memory after a bad accident. Meanwhile, Susan reintroduces him to the intriguing world of "The Glamour". With Tilly Vosburgh, Nathaniel Parker and Linus Roache (r)
3.30 Eureka: Professor Margaret Boden of Sussex University talks to Barbara Myers about her life and how she became interested in artificial intelligence
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott talks to 81-year-old Gordon Parks. During his wide-ranging career, Parks directed Shaft and photographed Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali. There is also a review of the life and music of Huddie Leadbetter alias Leadbelly
4.45 Short Story: The Diaries, by Frank Collymore. Read by Gareth Armstrong
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes team captains Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and guests (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper examines what makes certain foods acceptable to certain cultures (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Rejoice. See Choice
9.00 Wife Retiring: Alf Walker reflects on his wife's decision to join him in retirement and the effect this will have on his congenial lifestyle
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw in London and Robin Lustig at the Labour party conference in Brighton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Strange Loyalties: Tom Watson reads from William McIlvanney's novel (6/10)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (r)
11.30 Benny's Boys: Geoffrey Smith continues the story of the Benny Goodman Sextet (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Inspiration. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*
It was patently unfair to include two inventors – Bob Symes and Sir Clive Sinclair – on opposing panels for this new quiz about inventions, designs and discoveries. In the event, the game's two non-inventive players, Suzanne Charlton and Irene Thomas, give a good account of themselves. The quiz proves entertaining and educative. Without it, I would not have known about the abortive machine to help elephants to somersault, or the candle-and-hammer device for people buried alive in their coffins.

The Monday Play: Rejoice. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
David Howard is the latest playwright to lay part of the blame for the sickness affecting 1990s Britain at the door of the Falklands war. Rejoice is a word plucked from Margaret Thatcher's command to a victorious nation in 1982. It is an exhortation that is horribly distorted in this strong (in language and situation) drama about two Falklands survivors, played by Peter Gunn and Neil Dudgeon, and the disaffected wife of one of them (Tilly Vosburgh). It is a shame the play ends so melodramatically.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. **COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78756466) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (7507422) **9.10** Cartoons (1217718) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (73486) **10.00** Card Sharks (6709027) **10.25** Concentration (3621621) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9898466) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (89447) **12.00** E Street (56060) **12.30pm** Three's Company (73422) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (23827) **2.00** Roots: The Next Generation (7494114) **2.55** Another World (5395027) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6940814) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (7466) **6.00** Games World (1398) **6.30** E Street (5350) **7.00** Rescue (8195) **7.30** Full House (1534) **8.00** A Town Like Alice. First of a four-part mini series starring Bryan Brown and Helen Morse (49382) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (35089) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (93640)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (84553) **9.30** Roving Report (73468) **10.30** The Book Show (63360) **11.30** Japan Business Today (41373) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (73404) **1.30** CBS Morning News (23945) **2.30** The Book Show (1911) **3.30** Travel Destinations (3756) **4.30** News and Business Report (8447) **5.00** Live at Five (5008) **7.30** Special Report (9176) **9.30** Talkback (85060) (26331) **11.30** CBS Evening News (58350) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (95409) **1.30** Special Report (48374) **2.30** Travel Destinations (63732) **3.30** Talkback (75577) **4.30** Special Report (36770) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (80667)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (8790602)
10.00 Chapter Two (1979): Neil Simon's autobiographical play stars James Caan and Marsha Mason (53734911)
12.10pm Hostile Guns (1967): George Montgomery plays a marshal transporting four criminals to jail (142263)
2.00 The Deerslayer (1978): James Fenimore Cooper's classic story of a white boy raised by Indians (59669)
4.00 Oh God! (1977): George Burns chooses supermarket manager John Denver to become his prophet (2398)
6.00 The Man in the Moon (1991): Coming-of-age drama set in 1957 Louisiana. Starring Sam Waterston, Tess Harper and Gail Strickland (39805)
8.00 A Mother's Justice (1992): Fact-based drama about a mother who sought to bring her daughter's rapist to justice. With Meredith Baxter (44632756)
9.40 UK Top Ten (870737)
10.00 The Rookie (1990): Veteran police officer Clint Eastwood breaks in a new partner, Charlie Sheen (91896)
12.00 Becoming Colette (1991): Biopic of the French author. With Mathilda May and Klaus Maria Brandauer (674480)
1.40am Taking Back My Life (1992): Patricia Wettig plays a rape victim (311935)
3.30 El Diablo (1991): A school teacher, Anthony Edwards, tries to rescue one of his pupils (1687886). Ends at **4.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Strawberry Blonde (1941, b/w): Romantic comedy starring James Cagney and Rita Hayworth (20195)
8.00 The Owl and the Pussycat (1970): Comedy about a mismatched couple. With George Segal and Barbra Streisand (25640)
10.00-12.00 Day for Night (1973): Comedy about the filming of a light-hearted romance. With Jacqueline Bisset (83176)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Thousand Plane Raid (1969): Second world war drama about the bombing of a German munitions plant (20553)
8.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983): Cartoon about a dragon who thinks that its mother is a bear (61553)
10.00 The Happy Ending (1969): Jean Simmons walks out on her husband and family to find herself (73440)
12.00 Fail-Safe (1964): American planes accidentally bomb Moscow. Starring Henry Fonda and Walter Matthau (51176)
2.00pm Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number (1966): Bob Hope tries to help a sex kitten, Elke Sommer (40911)
4.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (as 8am) (54824)
5.30 Ishtar (1987): Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman play inept songwriters involved in north African intrigue (73718)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (4244)
8.00 Run (1990): A law student, Patrick Dempsey, is accused of murdering a crime lord's son (32992)
10.00 Critters 3 (1992): The violent aliens invade a dilapidated building (99485)
11.30 I Posed for Playboy (1991): Three women decide to pose naked (805992)
1.20am Grievous Bodily Harm (1989): Colin Friels helps Joy Bell to escape from her paranoid husband (957751)
3.00 The Time of the Gypsies (1989): Story of a young boy with telekinetic powers (19564428). Ends at **5.20**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (19602) **7.30** Motorsport: RS2000 Rally (38737) **8.00** Superbikes Grand Prix (99060) **9.00** Prime Bodies (59756) **9.30** The Big League (60756) **11.30** FA Premiership Football: Ipswich Town v Tottenham Hotspur (r) (84640) **1.30** Regal Masters Snooker (215850) **4.30** F1 Power Boat Championship: Hungarian Grand Prix (2805) **5.00** Windsurfing (3701) **5.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (6485) **6.00** Soccer News (616992) **6.15** World Wrestling Federation Wrestling Challenge (305718) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Wimbledon v Queens Park Rangers (55317805) **10.15** Soccer News (566701) **10.30** Ringside Superbouts: Charlie Magri (61911) **11.30** French Football (90350) **12.30-2.30am** Monday Night Football (as 7pm) (68954)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (23605) **8.00** Golf: Ryder Cup (10963) **10.00** Berlin Marathon (29089) **11.00** Motorcycling: Spanish Grand Prix (32553) **12.00** Motorsport Report (78379) **1.00pm** Tennis: Davis Cup (865319) **4.00** Motor Racing: Portuguese Grand Prix (4398) **6.00** Eurofun Magazine (8466) **6.30** Eurosport News (9718) **7.00** Motorcycling: Spanish Grand Prix (24534) **9.00** Boxing (78718) **10.00** Eurogoals (71805) **11.00** Eurogolf Magazine (20718) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (18664)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (8146485) **7.30** Neighbours (8125992) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1861824) **8.30** EastEnders (1860195) **9.00** The Bill (1851447) **9.30** The Pallisers (1171992) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (2135992) **11.30** Rhoda (5411909) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1864911) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2566911) **1.00** EastEnders (8145756) **1.30** The Bill (2565282) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (5790824) **2.30** Shelley (8446398) **3.00** Dallas (1811945) **4.00** Dynasty (6661242) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5781176) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8440114) **6.00** Neighbours (8447027) **6.30** EastEnders (8438379) **7.00** The Pallisers (3242718) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (5770060) **8.30** Shelley (5799135) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (3231602) **10.00** The Bill (1865640) **10.30** Naked Video (1841060) **11.00** Top of the Pops 1978 (1447927) **11.45** Dr Who: Planet of Evil (1792843) **12.15-2.15am** Film: Johnny Guitar (1954): Western starring Joan Crawford, Sterling Hayden, Scott Brady and Mercedes McCambridge (6470683)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Rathkan II (574621) **9.00** Jack in the Box (60447) **11.00** Stories Without Words (85534) **11.30** Say Ahhh! featuring Good Sports (86263) **12.00** Fame (16553) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (64263) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (8756) **3.30** RatKan II (1718) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (3553) **4.30-5.00** Betty's Bunch (9737)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (17244) **7.30** Guts (36379) **8.00** Kid's Court (34447) **8.30** Wild Side Show (33718) **9.00** We All Have Tales (57398) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (51602) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (19114) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (46282) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (43534) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (33676) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (62718) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (49843) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (81089) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (7821) **2.30** Junior Story Time (3911) **3.00** Kablooey (6756) **3.30** Out of Control (5756) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (4263) **4.30** Hey Dude (3337) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8973) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (4027) **6.00** Guts (4640) **6.30-7.00** Get the Picture (5992)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earthfile (8426992) **4.30** The Amateur Naturalist: Banff Mountain in Canada (8424176) **5.00** Those Who Dare: Firefighters (5789718) **5.30** Skybound (8448756) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6657195) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards: The Dominican Republic (3206060) **7.00** Get Wet (5792282) **7.30** High Five: Queensland (8425805) **8.00** Wildside: Cheetahs in Tanzania (3258008) **9.00** Islands of the Pacific: Western Samoa (3239244) **10.00** Search for Adventure (3232331) **11.00-12.00** Nature by Profession: The Italian Wolf of the Appennine mountains (8120447)

BRAVO
12.00 Film. Something in the City (1950, b/w). A pavement artist pretends to be a successful businessman. With Richard Hearne (17469263) **1.20pm** Film: The Big Parade of Comedy (1964, b/w). A compilation of notorious clips, including the Marx Brothers, Laurel and Hardy and Buster Keaton (71635485) **3.00** Bonanza (3516373) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners (8432718) **4.30** I Spy (1429282) **5.30** Honey West (8435282) **6.00** The David Niven Show (8432195) **6.30** The Vise (8423447) **7.00** The Dick Powell Theatre (3260114) **8.00** Film: The Brand of Hate (1934, b/w). Western with Lucille Browne and Bob Steele (3246534) **9.00** Film: Blazing Justice (1936, b/w): A cowboy helps a sheriff bring an outlaw to justice. With Bill Cody and Gordon Griffith (3266398) **10.00** Film: Our Man in Marrakesh (1966): Spy spoof with Tony Randall, Senta Berger and Herbert Lom (1084398) **11.45-12.00** Art Linkletter and the Kids (9535911)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (8588350) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1636602) **8.30** Living Daylights (1635973) **9.00** Divorce Court (1659553) **9.30** Hot Topics (7289602) **10.00** Health UK (4611114) **10.30** Living Extra (1655737) **11.00** On the House (3367263) **11.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (3368992) **12.00** Practical Living (23830114) **12.15pm** Kilroy (9098379) **1.00** Crosswits (4236466) **1.30** Infatuation (7299089) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4612843) **3.00** Agony Hour (3379008) **4.00** Crosswits (2226468) **4.30** Infatuation (4846572) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7020447) **6.00** What's Up, Dr Ruth (5573535) **6.30** Masterchef (1878927) **7.00** Agony Hour (6758553) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6734973) **9.00** Film: Gold of the Amazon Women (1979): An explorer seeking the gold of Eldorado is captured by an Amazon queen. With Bo Svenson and Anita Ekberg (6737060) **11.00** Divorce Court (3358244) **11.30** You're on the Air, with Dr Ruth (4617398) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (8575886)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (1783) **5.30** Wonder Years (5319) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (4682) **6.30** Catchphrase (4282) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (1927) **7.30** All Clued Up (6806) **8.00** Remington Steele (34398) **9.00** Neon Rider (14534) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (87553) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (63973) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (52963) **11.30** Newhart (72282) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (48480)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (583379) **9.00** VJ Marijne (204350) **12.00** Greatest Hits (18911) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (466843) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report with Kristiane Backer (2930195) **3.45** At the Movies With Pip Dann (2328350) **4.00** News (1665282) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1655805) **4.30** The Grind with VJ Eric (1195) **5.00** Hit List UK with Paul King (76447) **7.00** Aerosmith Rockumentary (2195) **7.30** Guns 'n' Roses Past Present and Future (2824) **8.00** Music Non-Stop with Pip Dann (36756) **9.00** Greatest Hits with Paul King (16992) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report with Kristiane Backer (102008) **10.15** At the Movies with Pip Dann (190263) **10.30** News at Night (991737) **10.45** 3 from 1 (98992) **11.00** Rock Block with Pip Dann (33089) **1.00am** VJ Marline (16515) **2.00-7.00** Night Videos (3436041)

TV ASIA
6.00am Asian Morning (2231224) **9.30** Daldal (67466) **10.30** Good Housekeeping (25992) **11.30** TVA and U (80069) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (73350) **12.30pm** Kabir (91244) **1.00** Pakistani Film (116821) **4.00** Kiddie Time (96540) **5.00-6.00** TVA: Dedicated to You (6534) **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (85008) **8.00** English News (189886) **8.15** Face to Face with Ramola Bachchan (466089) **9.00** Hindi Film: Ek Nai Paheli (688263) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6104664) **1.00** Hindi Film: Paataal Bhairvi (2765596) **4.00** Ajanabee (21119) **5.00** Chunati (24686) **5.30-6.00** Music (22867)

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BUSINESS EDITOR ROBERT BALLANTYNE

Trade talks in the balance says Gatt chief

FROM JANET BUSH IN WASHINGTON

■ **Developed countries are forecast to gain $135 billion under the Uruguay round of Gatt talks, while the poorest countries could lose $7 billion and may need compensation**

TRADE liberalisation talks are "delicately poised" between success and failure, according to Peter Sutherland, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Addressing the International Monetary Fund's policy-making interim committee, Mr Sutherland said the world could forget about growth next year if an agreement was not concluded. He said: "Should the unthinkable happen, it would undermine the multilateral system which has underpinned trade and progress since the last war."

Mr Sutherland was particularly critical of opposition from industrialised countries to a deal, arguing that they have most to gain from a Gatt agreement before the December 15 deadline. Noting that significant progress has been made in Geneva recently, he said: "There are 116 countries involved, not just two — the US and the European Community." He said the most obvious difficulty remaining was the current debate over the Blair House agreement on agricultural trade struck between the US and the EC, and now stymied by French opposition. He said: "It would be a cruel irony if all is lost on a dispute going on within the developed world." France appears to have been virtually isolated on this issue, both at the IMF and at the Group of Seven meeting on Saturday.

Mr Sutherland noted that what recovery there has been in the world economy has been caused by exports, underlining the need to stave off protectionism. A joint study published yesterday by the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development confirmed earlier estimates that even a partial free trade agreement under the Uruguay round would add $213 billion to the world's annual income in the year 2002, and every subsequent year. The authors noted that this was likely to be a gross underestimate because it includes agriculture and manufacturing but not, for example, trade in services.

Developed countries would gain $135 billion a year and developing countries, such as the formerly centrally planned economies of eastern Europe, would gain $85 billion a year. The study also notes that the poorest countries would lose an annual $7 billion from a Gatt deal and gave warning that compensation must be considered.

The G7 meeting agreed the need to stimulate world growth but did not demand specific action, preferring to emphasise the importance of a Gatt agreement and President Clinton's jobs summit.

The anticipated tension over the question of European interest rate cuts did not materialise with the US, known to favour more aggressive use of new wider bands in the exchange-rate mechanism, taking a low-key approach. Lloyd Bentsen, US Treasury secretary, said European rates would come down in line with inflation and as budget deficits are trimmed.

There is believed to have been a difference of view between Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, and Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, over the speed of rate cuts in Europe. The Germans repeatedly rejected the IMF's view that unification has had a negative influence on growth particularly in Europe, and insisted the German economy had bottomed out.

Herr Schlesinger was emphatic that there had been no request from the G7 to lower German interest rates. Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, said: "There wasn't an ounce of criticism of German interest rates policy."

Kenneth Clarke, the British Chancellor, said everyone was duty bound to tackle their fiscal deficits in the hope that a climate could be created for an easing of monetary conditions.

The G7 also took a soft line with Japan. The US appeared to be content with Japanese assurances that the government is looking at the possibility of widespread deregulation and income tax cuts.

Wolfgang Münchau, page 42



Alan Sugar has found, since working with Ossie Ardiles, right, at Spurs, that Amstrad has a management that can run with the ball in his absence

Amstrad searches for chief executive

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ALAN Sugar, who founded the Amstrad computer group in 1968 which he unsuccessfully tried to take private with a 30p buyout offer last year, is searching for a chief executive to give Amstrad a new strategic direction and who will be an acceptable face to the City.

In the backwash of his buyout defeat, and in response to shareholder suggestions, Mr Sugar widened Amstrad's board with the appointment of two non-executive directors. He still intends appointing a third non-executive.

In keeping with the spirit of the Cadbury report, Mr Sugar has decided to split the roles of chairman and chief executive. The search for a chief executive will be confirmed on October 5 when the group's 1993 annual results are published. An appointment is not expected to be made for a while.

Mr Sugar owns 36 per cent of Amstrad and will remain chairman. He is said to be "as energetic as ever", though industry sources say that the recent public wranglings with Terry Venables over matters concerning Tottenham Hotspur, of which Mr Sugar is also chairman, made "the past four months perfect hell" for him. However, it was a period during which he realised that there was a management structure at Amstrad on which he could rely.

Amstrad recently paid £6.4 million for Dancall Radio, a Danish cordless-telecommunications company which analysts suggest points to the direction in which Amstrad plans to develop.

Amstrad's "core" computer-electronics division is likely to be run as a separate entity under Malcolm Miller, who has been with Amstrad for 12 years and who previously worked for Unilever.

Mr Sugar is likely, with publication of the 1993 results, to reinstate briefing sessions with City analysts which were stopped after his buyout bid failed.

☐ City speculation was mounting that Terry Maher, founder, chairman and chief executive of Pentos, the Dillons bookshops to Athena cards and Rymans stationers group, may leave the group within the next few months. Analysts think that Mr Maher, who has run the group for 21 years, is likely to give up his chief executive's role when the group announces interim results next month. However, some analysts believe that this will be the prelude to him resigning and leaving the company.

Poll shows pensions ignorance

BY LINDSAY COOK
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

ALMOST three-quarters of employees in occupational pension schemes do not know who the trustees of their schemes are, according to a Mori survey. This was revealed on the eve of the Goode Committee's report on Company Pension Law being handed to Peter Lilley, the social security secretary. The poll, conducted for *The Money Programme*, showed that only 29 per cent of scheme members could name any of their pension fund trustees. Older respondents were more aware, with 32 per cent of the over-65s knowing the name of at least one. Only 42 per cent of members could say how their own pension entitlement will be calculated.

☐ If inflation rises to an annual rate of 3 to 4 per cent and modest growth continues, private sector wage deals are likely to approach 4 per cent early next year, an Incomes Data Services report says.

Paramount looks at $10bn QVC bid

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE battle for Paramount Communications reaches a key phase today when the Hollywood studio's 15-member board considers for the first time a $10 billion offer from QVC Network, the home shopping concern headed by Barry Diller.

The offer is the highest on the table and a rival to the $7.8 billion offer from Viacom, the cable television giant that owns MTV, agreed almost two weeks ago with Martin Davis, Paramount's chairman.

The meeting takes place amid speculation that Viacom will either increase its offer today or announce a new deal under which Paramount would turn around and buy Viacom for cash, effectively shutting out QVC. Such a tactic would be similar to that successfully used by Time Inc when the publishing giant was attempting to merge with Warner Communications in 1989 and Paramount was trying to counter bid for Time.

Time merely converted its share and cash offer into an all-cash deal which did not need its own shareholders' approval, and then fought a successful action in the Delaware courts arguing the merger was a strategic plan and Paramount's interference would be bad for shareholders.

Time shareholders have never seen their shares as high since. At the time, Paramount said it would bid $200 a share for Time, and buyout specialists Wasserstein Parella forecast Time shares would climb to $100 each by this year. They closed on Friday at $42.125.

Wall Street analysts say a reverse cash bid for Viacom now would hurt Paramount's share price. Shareholders have already filed half a dozen legal actions trying to ensure that all bids are given careful consideration, but the studio's price was looking queasy on Friday, down $1.25 to $75.625 compared with a bid worth $84.25 a share from QVC and $65.70 from Viacom.

Minorco may swap shares for mines

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

MINORCO, the Luxembourg mining investment group, is said to be finalising a $1 billion deal with Anglo American and De Beers, its parent companies, through which it will gain control of several operating mines in South America and Australia. Details could be announced tomorrow when, somewhat later than usual, Minorco publishes results for the year to end-June.

The reshuffle is thought to involve Anglo/De Beers' interests in Anglo American Corporation of South America, owner of extensive mining interests in Brazil, Chile and Argentina, and Eastern Investments, Anglo's vehicle for mining interests in Australia and holder of industrial interests in Hong Kong and Singapore. Minorco is currently 39.1 per cent owned by Anglo American Corporation and 21.1 per cent by De Beers.



Ogilvie Thompson: hold

Minorco's net cash holdings comfortably exceed $1 billion but, according to market speculation in New York and Johannesburg, the group is more likely to issue shares than use its cash.

The effect of a shares-for-mines deal would be an even tighter Anglo/De Beers hold on Minorco. Julian Ogilvie Thompson is chairman of Anglo American, De Beers and Minorco. A $1 billion metals mines deal would transform Minorco from a group with a handful of managed assets into an operator and manager with a worldwide resources portfolio.

Five years ago, Minorco made an unsuccessful $4.5 billion takeover bid for Consolidated Gold Fields. Somewhat bruised by the experience, it was determined to demonstrate it could make takeovers on its own. It subsequently made acquisitions in North and Latin America and Europe. It tried, but was pre-empted, to buy BP's 49 per cent stake in Olympic Dam in Australia.

Minorco also intends buying 3.03 million shares in Metall Mining, the Canadian group, from Metallgesellschaft, of Germany.

In March, Minorco paid $131 million for a direct 10 per cent stake in Johnson Matthey, and sold its long-held 36 per cent stake in Charter Consolidated, which swelled its cash holdings by a further £235.5 million.

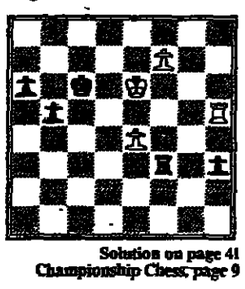
Ironically, Minorco moves today into new offices at 40 Holborn Viaduct — the former London headquarters of Anglo American and Charter Consolidated, and just around the corner from De Beers.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a possible conclusion from the game Alekhine - Capablanca, World Championship 1927. Endgame positions where few pieces remain on the board are not always devoid of tactical opportunities, as today's position demonstrates. White to play and win. Watch out for part four of the history of the world championship in next Saturday's magazine.

Tomorrow sees the 10th game of the Kasparov - Short match at the Savoy Theatre. For tickets, from as little as £20, ring First Call on 071-497 9977.



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FABIFORM
a. The bottom class at Harrow
b. A two-headed monster
c. Bean-shaped

GLEBOUS
a. Full of clods
b. The prehistoric northern ox
c. Self-pitying

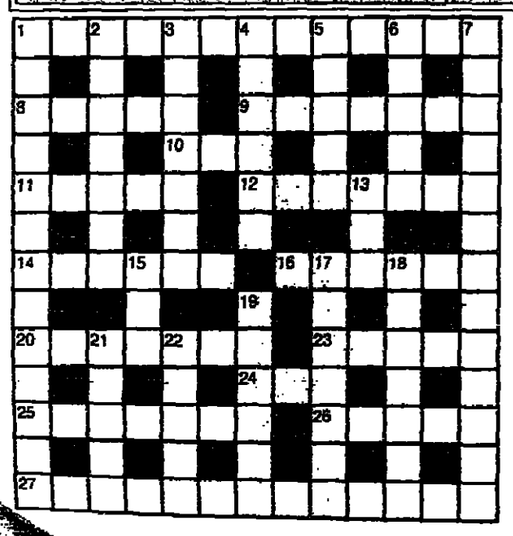
OSOTOGARI
a. Fishy sauce
b. A Korean samurai
c. A throw in Judo

PARADIASTOLE
a. Irregular heart beat
b. A nook or annexe
c. A euphemistic half-truth

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20 Precisely (7)
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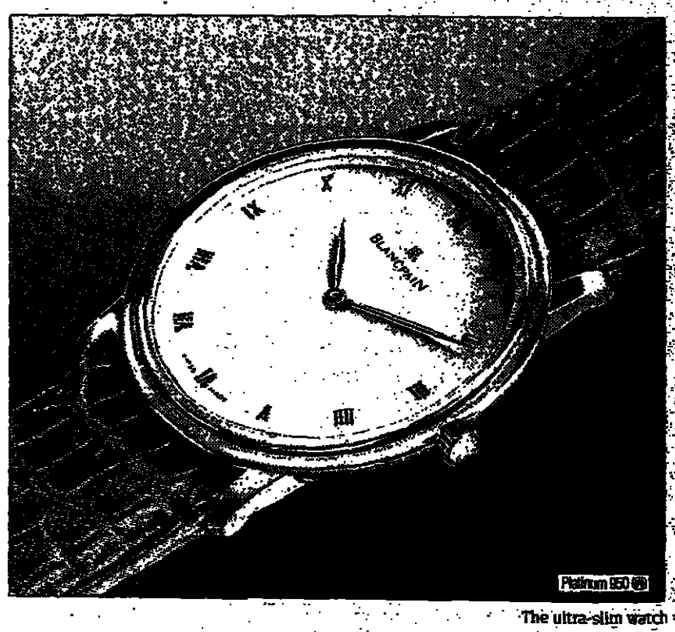
THE POUND

US dollar
1.5025 (-0.0317)
German mark
2.4712 (+0.0042)
Exchange index
80.2 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 share
2309.2 (-21.8)
FT-SE 100
3005.2 (-0.3)
New York Dow Jones
3543.11 (-70.14)
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